Poll boost as jobless total drops 96,000

Unemployment recorded one of its sharpest-ever falls last month, government figures showed. The adult jobless total bas now fallen for three months running and ministers and officials believe the trend is firmly downwards.

The improvement in the unemployment figures, which particularly reflects the impact of government employment measures, will add to the belief that the Prime Minister will call a general election soon after a tax-cutting Budget

next spring.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the employment minister, said: "Today's figures provide more hard evidence that the job picture is becoming brighter. Unemployment is down again for the third month running, and the three-month drop is the biggest since 1973....All the signs are that Britain's economy is steadily getting people back to

Later, on BBC radio, Mr Clarke said: "Personally, I am not an early election man." But be added: "If we bave more months of good figures, obviously I am going to get ever more confident about how that election will go whenever it does come." The unemployment total,

Tomorrow

Winter sports?



Cricket: John Woodcock reports from Brisbane on the First Test Tennis: Rex Bellamy previews the semi-finals of the Benson and

Hedges championships from Wembley

There was no winner again yesterday in The Times Portfolio Gold competition so today there is £12,000 to be won, treble the usual daily prize. Portfolio list, page 31; how to play, information service, page 24.

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Dealing upset

Dealings on the Stock Ex-change were disrupted again when its computerized dealing system was sout down temporarily amid its worst prob-lems since its launch Page 25

£41m spree

The New Zealand en-trepreneur, Mr Ron Brierley, has raised bis stake in Ocean Transport and Trading to 23.6 per cent in a £41 million share-buying spree Page 25

£271m bid

Sir Francis Tombs, chairman of Turner & Newall, is making a new offer of £271 million in cash and sbares for the AE Page 25

TIMES SPORT

Cash wins Pat Cash, of Australia, fol-lowed his victory over John McEnroe by beating Sergio Casal of Spain, to reach the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges tennis champion-

ships at Wemb	ley Page
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including school leavers, fell by 95,743 to 3,237,154 last month. This was the sharpest monthly fall since May 1983 the month before the last general election - when rule changes produced a drop in the total of more than 120,000. Apart from May 1983, it was the biggest

monthly fall since 1971. The more representative nnemployment figure, the seasonally adjusted adult total, fell by 25,000 to 3,167,600 last month, after a 26,400 decline in September. In the past three months, this total has fallen by an average of

Output up Figures analysed

8,500 a month, the best figure since the period September-November 1973. There was more good news for the Government with the publication yesterday of official figures showing a sharp rise in manufacturing output in September. Output jumped

by 1.2 per cent and, in the latest three months, was up by 1.3 per cent on the previous three months. Vacancies are also rising strongly, although they represent only a fraction of the unemployment total. Season-

ally adjusted vacancies rose by 6,400 to 212,800 last month — their highest since these statistics began in January 1980. Although there are indications that the labour market has strengthened in recent months, the dominant factor in reducing the unemployment total appears to have been the expansion of the Community Programme and

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, the SDP economics spokesman, The average monthly fall in adult unemployment over the six months to October was said: "After seven long years of this Government, this country still has one of the 5.400, almost matching the 5.000 people a month taken worst jobless records in off the register by the expan-

lobbies

Thatcher

on Saturday will be set against

a background of growing

pessimism on arms control. Mr Gorbacbov's letter, delivered by Mr Leonid Zamyatin,

the Soviet Ambassador, who spent half an bour with Mrs

Thatcher, was seen as an

attempt at last minute lobbying. Whitehall sources

discouraged speculation that the letter represented a Soviet effort to use Mrs Thatcher as a

Mr Gorbacbov is thought to

have repeated his call for talks

based on the Soviet version of what the President and Mr Gorbachov agreed at Reyk-

javik last month. His conten-

tion - disputed by the Americans - is that the Presi-

dent approved the elimination of all nuclear weapons over 10

A statement from the Soviet Embassy showed no softening

of Moscow's demand that any

arms settlement would de-

pend on Washington agreeing not to test the Strategic De-fence Initiative laser-based

Geoffrey Smith

Star Wars counter

developed world." Fire ends Gorbachov Peterhead jail siege By Howard Foster

sion of the Community Pro-

gramme and other special

The Restart programme, which offers the long-term unemployed counselling and directs them into training,

special schemes and employ

ment, became a national scheme in July. Its effects will have shown through in the

August unemployment fig-ures, and this is when adult jobless figures began falling. The uncertainties over the

impact of Restart has meant

that officials are cautious

about underlying unemployment trends. The belief is that the trend is clearly downwards but officials refused to be

drawn on the likely pace of

Opposition politicians con-

centrated their attack on the changes in the unemployment rules and statistics. Mr John

Prescott, Labour's chief

employment spokesman, de-

scribed these changes as "a combination of fiddles, tem-

porary schemes and inti-midation."

The new, tighter availabil-

ity-for-work interviews, which

started at the end of last month, did not affect the

October unemployment count, but could have an impact in subsequent months.

target for a Tory general election fraud of less than

three million on the un-employment register," Mr Prescott added yesterday. "Whatever Lord Young

claims, his concern is for the

long-term unemployment fig-

ures rather than the long-term

unemployed."

"Today's figures are on

any future declines.

employment measures.

By Andrew McEwen Diplomatic Correspondent The five-day siege at Peterhead prison in Scotland ended spectacularly yesterday as rioting prisoners set fire to their cell block before giving themselves up and releasing Mr Mikhail Gorbacbov, the Soviet leader, yesterday sent the Prime Minister a personal letter on the eve of her flight to Washington for a major re-view of arms control prospects their hostage prison officer with President Reagan. unharmed. Their talks at Camp David

Fires, from wooden roof struts and debris, were started in two places in the prison's A-Hall just as the warder, Mr John Crossan, aged 25, was

freed. Flames were soon sbooting several feet through the roof of the cellblock and as the 49 rioters filed out of the building fire engines drove through the jail gates. About 50 other prisoners in an adjoining block were evacuated.

The fire was put out after about an hour. Damage is estimated at up to £1 million. The prisoners are thought to have started the blaze in the mistaken belief that one of their leaders, Andrew Walker, a triple murderer, had been seized after going to an interview room to relay a list of grievances to a newspaper

reporter.
The prisoners' demands involve the relocation of the prison to make visits easier for

The prison governor, Mr Alf Smith, praised bis men for their handling of the siege. Mr Albert McQuarrie, Conservative MP for Banff and Buchan, last night rejected any allegations of brutality and called for an anti-missile system in space.

Continued on page 24, col 6 independent inquiry.

Personal recommendation more than 10 million in 1985,

During the financial year 1985/86, theatre audiences boosted London's economy The US still heads the by spending an estimated overseas league, but a four- £103 million in restaurants fold increase in Scandinavian and on transport and accom-



Sharing the honours: The Queen and Mr Frederick Koch, one of America's most generous arts patrons who gave £2 million towards the new Swan Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon. unveiling plaques at the theatre's official opening yesterday. (Photograph: John Manning)

US and the Iranian weapons furore

uncovered

From Christopher Thomas Washington

An international network of ships and planes, supported by mysterious middlemen who charter vessels from legitimate and shady companies, exists for the sole purpose of ferrying US military equipment to Iran, according to details that began emergiag yesterday. Last July, for example, an

American-registered Boeing 707 is understood to have delivered 23 tons of military edulpment labilled "hospital supplies" to the Iranian armed forces. Three weeks later Rev Lawrence Jenco, a Roman Catholic priest and head of the Beirut office of Catholic Relief Services, was released by pro-Iranian elements in Lebanon

after 18 months in captivity. It seems that each time an arms delivery has been made, a bostage bas been released. In the meantime, bowever, more American hostages were still being taken in Beirut.

According to accounts surfacing in Washington, a





plane that had carried an arms shipment to Iran left Tehran on September 14, 1985, the same day that Rev Benjamin Weir, a Presbyterian missionary in Lebanon, was released after 10 months' captivity.
That plane. a DC-8, is

believed to have taken military equipment on board in Israel before beading for Iran and American officials have been quoted as saying the delivery was in return for the release of Mr Weir.

Shortly before the mission, the plane bad been bought from a Florida dealer by International Air Tours of Nigeria, based in Brussels. It is not known who chartered it. Continued on page 24, col 3

Shady net Arms supplied but of dealers mot in hostogo not in hostage deal, says Reagan

From Michael Binyon, Washington

address from the Oval Office mind." breaking the White House silence on the Iranian arms furore. President Reagan admitted to key congressional leaders that American arms had been sent to Tebran and indicated he would continue

contacts there. Unexpectedly summoning House and Senate leaders to ported to have strongly denied that the arms were sent in direct exchange for hostages. Mr Reagan told the four

senators and congressmen that he still boped the current

Danish connection

secret negotiations would lead to the release of two more hostages and insisted his efforts were "perfectly legal".

They quoted him afterwards saying the Administration would not be doing its job "if Khomeini died and we had not made an effort to lay the groundwork for contacts with a future regime".

Senator Robert Byrd. the Democrat majority leader-designate, said after the brief-

Commons

to debate

Aids crisis

By Philip Webster Chief Political

Correspondent

The Government bas re-

sponded to the mounting pub-

lic concern over Aids by arranging a full day's debate

on the issue in the Commons

Mr Norman Fowler, the

Secretary of State for Social Services, will tell MPs of the

Government's latest efforts.

through the special Cabinet committee on Aids, to connter

the spread of the disease, and bow it will spend the £10m it has allocated for the news-

paper and television campaign

advocating "safc" sex

techniques.

Mr John Biffen, teader of

the Commons, announced the

Mr Neil Kinnock the La-

bour leader, called on the Government to announce

how it would help to deal with

the disease with the speed and

funding that was necessary. He said:"It would be im-

mensely unfortunate if what

has been described as the

next Friday.

Avoiding Aids

debate yesterday.

Letters

Oa the eve of a televised ing: "I haven't changed my

Senator Ornin Hatch. Republican, said yesterday that the Senate's constitutional subcommittee, which he chairs, would hold bearings on the arms shipments.

Senator Patrick Leahy, the senior Democrat on the Seaate Intelligence Committee. said the deal had put an the White House, he is re- automatic price on the head of any American working or travelling in that part of the

US officials have said the US is negotiating with Iran on the final details of the return ister their priority in the queue of nearly \$500 million (£349 million) frozen in the US Federal Reserve Bank in New York in 1981.

The confusion in Administration over the affair has been deepened with publication of reports that Admiral John Poindexter, the National Security Adviser, vigorously opposed calls by Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, for a full explanation becoming in-volved in a shouting match in from of the President as the news was leaked from the

Collier's

case goes

to ministry

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

The Stock Exchange yes-terday announced that it had

referred the case of Mr Geof-frey Collier to the Govern-ment to investigate an

allegation of insider dealing in

Mr Collier was forced to resign as a director of Morgan

Grenfell, the merchant bank.

earlier this week because of

share dealings carried out through outside brokers - in

Insider trading, the use of

privileged information to profit from share dealing, was

Mr Collier was forced to

resign after dealing in the shares of AE, the engineering company, shortly before it was the subject of a bio by one of

Morgan Grenfell's clients. But the affair seemed to be

widening yesteroay with suggestions that others had

been involved in the share dealings.

An employee of Scrimgeour

Vickers, the slock broker which informed Morgan

Grenfell of the share dealings,

may bave been involved.

the stock market.

breach of bouse rules.

made illegal in 1980.

By Martin Baker

ister their priority in the queue for privatization shares. been set aside for British Gas

employees, customers and other private investors, but only those with priority can be certain they will receive shares.

Research suggests that more than 5.25 million people are certain to buy shares.

ity can be registered by calling Britisb Gas on 0272 272 272.

Fresh blow to hopes for a teachers' deal

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

After more than five days of negotiations on teachers' pay vhich began in Nottingham and have continued at the London headquarters of the conciliation service Acas, teachers and local authorities were dealt a further blow last

Mr Philip Merridale, leader of the Conservative minority among the local authorities. authorities had voted against the conditions of service ele-ment in the package as too

"These proposals would involve the recruitment and payment of more than 10.000 teachers. The resources being talked of are massive, and certainly outside the cost envelope set hy Government," he said.

We would be on dangerous territory if we agree to make undertakings which we cannot

follow through."

Mr Peter Dawson of the Professional Association of Teachers, also appeared to be losing patience with the nego-tiating process. He conceded it might now be time for the Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, "to step in and sort us out".

He said that Mr Baker could have seen nothing during the past six days to make bim tbink twice about his threat to legislate and impose his own

It emerged yesterday that the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT), which represents 70 per cent of heads in England and Wales, is more alienated than ever by the emerging deal.

Having aiready expressed his grave reservations about salary structure, Mr David Hart, NAHT general secretary, revealed yesterday that his union was out on a limb on

the subject of new negotiating machinery for pay and conditions.
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ently with little sympathy, for separate body to discuss salaries and working con-ditions for heads and their deputies.

• Mr Baker yesterday ruled out the provision of more of the provision of more of the provision of

money to settle the pay dispute and warned teachers that they would not be forgiven if they disrupted education (Our Chief Political Correspondent

In a Commons speech which provoked an angry clash with Mr Neil Kinnock.

Parliament

Labour leader, Mr Baker again made ciear that he was ready with legislation to impose bis deal for a 16.4 per cent increase over 21 months, tied to. acceptance by the teachers of legally binding contracts on duties and responsibilities.

Mr Baker emphasised that any deal which exceeded the £608 million cost of the package he announced two weeks ago would be unacceptable.

And he labelled the talks in London and in Noningham earlier in the week "a fiasco". Cheered on by Conservative MPs, he said: "The offer which I bave put forward is generous. It is sufficiently generous to resoive the

He added: "Any teacher who disrupts education in the coming weeks and months will do an enormous disservice to the children and will not be lightly forgiven."

He said parents of children who were sent home or locked out would not forgive the teachers, "and nor would the

Last day for Gas priority

More than £41/2 billion has

The prospectus, with

application form. will be issued on November 25. Prior-

Man dies practising

A television stunt for iomorrow's BBC | Late Late Breakfast Show went tragically wrong yesterday when a participant training for an escapology display plunged to

his death. Mr Michaei Lush, aged 25. a self-employed builder. of Southampton. was abseiling down a rope tied to a box hanging from a crane about 100 feet above the ground at Long Crendon near Thame when it snapped. He had been handcuffed in the box before freeing himself.

Mr Lush was taken to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Ayles-20 per cent 'yield,' page 25 bury. Buckinghamshire, where he later died.



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Man about town, 1986-style

By Gavin Bell Arts Correspondent

A typical visitor to a West End theatre is a young man who reads The Times and The Sunday Times to check what's on, makes a final choice on the recommendation of friends, and buys his ticket on the day

of the performance. He prefers to go with a companion, rather than in a group, to travel by underground, and to dine before the show. If be is resident in London, he is more likely to come from Camden than any other borough: if not, he is more likely to come from Essex than any other county. The profile of the careful spender (a shared programme,

and ice-cream rather than drinks at the interval) emerges

from an audience survey by the City University, for the Society of West End Theatre. According to the report, published yesterday, the av-erage theatre-goer has changed considerably since the last survey of its kind in 1982. Audiences have swelled from 8.8 million in 1983 to

largely due to a huge influx of foreign visitors. Most of the new business has come from men, who now outnumber women with 51 per cent of attendances, and they tend to be younger -more than half are under the age of 35.

day Times.

and Denmark into third and fifth places.
Camden emerges as the culture capital of London with 4 per cent of all ticket sales (edging out Kensington and Chelsea with 3 per cent). The keenest West End patrons in the counties live in Essex.
Personal recommendation

is the most often quoted reason for selecting a production, although press advertising has increased in importance and the most widely read papers among theatre-goers are The Times and The Sun-

By early afternoon less than 20 per cent of voters had turned out in the relentless drizzle. Polling was at its slowest in Kirkby, while in visitors bas brought Sweden modation.

Scrimgeour would not com-ment last night after a request Prime Minister's war on Aids were to be cash-limited." Continued on page 24. col 2 Rain keeps voters away

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Heavy rain kept voters away from the polls at the start of the Knowsley North byelection vesterday, but party workers in the Merseyside constituency were optimistic that there would be a rush during the evening.

Brown, a barrister, Ceneral election: R ktiroy-Silk (Lab), 24,949; A Birth IC, 7,758; B McColgan (SDP All), 5,715; J Simons (WRP), 246; Lab mai 17,191

high turnout to benefit their candidate. Mr George Howarth. The Liberals believe

Labour was hoping for a

that a low turnout would help Miss Rosemary Cooper. The Tory candidate is Mr Roger

NEWS SUMMARY

Vauxhall tackles absentee blight

More than 8,000 Vauxhall employees have been told that the level of absenteeism at the Luton-based car company is unacceptable. The company, facing losses of £60 million this year, estimates that at least £7 million of that will be caused by absenteeism

A company spokesman said yesterday: "This is not a witch-hunt... But there have been people in our plant who have been abusing the system and they are costing their collections." colleagues and the company money

Absenteeism at the company is about 13 per cent—double the national average—and the problem is particularly bad on Mondays and Fridays.

Vauxhali has identified workers whose attendance record is poor and they will be asked whether they have an identified to the problem. If their attitude is described to the problem of their attitude is described.

identifiable health problem. If their attitude is deemed nureasonable, the company will consider dismissal.

More Legion cases

Three more cases of Legionnaires' disease have been found

Health chiefs said yesterday that the three had recovered after treatment for pneumonia. The cases came to light after checks on 27 pneumonia cases.

Costly theme

Mr Peter de Savary, aged 42, appeared at Mart-beroogh Magistrates' Court in Wiltshire, yes-terday, charged with 44 breaches of boilding regulations at Littlecote.

his theme park. Mr de Savary denied all charges and the case against him was dismissed after Kennet council offered no evidence. His company, and a consultant, Mr John Taylor, were found guilty of not informing the council of work being done and fined a total of £17,200.

Secrets charge

A mao accused of break-ing the Official Secrets Act was sent for trial by mag-istrates at Taunton, Somerset, yesterday. Mark Jackson, aged 30,

whose address was given as the Royal Ulster Constabulary headquarters in Bei-fast, is accessed of unlaw-fully retaining documents and also of communicating documents "while an officer of the Queen" to Julian

He was given bail until the trial at Exeter Crown Court.

Duchess calls in

The Oneen Mother, making good progress as she rested her injured leg, was visited yesterday by the Duchess of York in the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers.

The Duchess, wearing a white pullover and tronsers, spent about 10 minutes at the London hospital after arriving by car with a detective. Earlier, Clarence Honse had said the Queen Mother, aged 86, had spent a comfortable night.

Flowers from well-wishers continued to arrive at the bospital. The Queen Mother who suffered the injury in Scotland about three weeks ago, was admitted on Tuesday.

Murrell inquiries

Detectives in West Mer-cia yesterday ended their questioning of a man, aged 32, about the murder of the peace campaigner, Miss Hilda Murrell (right), at Shrewsbury two years ago.

The man is due to appear two elderly women raping a girl, aged 14.



Tebbit wins MPs' backing over break with students

Tory chief accused of left witch-hunt

not been attracting the sup-

drawn from postgraduate and

The changes were unani-

the executive of the National

Union of Conservative Assoc-

Mr Bercow, who has consis-

tently backed Mr Tebbit's

tough stance, will stay oo at

Smith Square on his sabbati-

cal salary and join the new

He blamed the federation's

demise on "a minority of recalcitrant individuals" on

its controlling national com-

That "barmy" fringe had been more interested to grab-

bing power and "sticking

knives" into its internal oppo-

cents than campaigning co

Speaking on BBC Radio 4, he said: "The difficulty has

arisen by virtue of the fact that a lot of extremely good ac-tivists are at local level and

some of the trouble-makers

have unfortunately been at the

had come to represent the "unacceptable face of con-

behalf of the party.

academic circles.

organization.

hoped.

Conservative backbenchers yesterday solidly supported Mr Norman Tebbit's decision to sever his party's links with the Federation of Conser-

vative Students. MPs from both the right and the left said that after the recent outery over allegations in a federatioo magazine that Lord Stockton was guilty of. war crimes", the Conservative chairman had no opooo but to curb the young

radicals. But last night Mr Harry Phibbs, aged 20, the libertarian activist responsible for the offending interview in the oow defunct New Agenda, said Mr Tebbit had made a "serious mistake"

He blamed leftists in Central Office for orchestrating a witch-hunt against the ultra-

right federation.
He was seeking an urgent meeting with the party chairman in an attempt to persuade him to overturn his decisioo to cut off its £30,000 a year grant and give it a week to leave its office in Smith

Square.
The federation at national level is being replaced by a oew body known as the Cooservative Collegiate

That 20-member group, charged with galvanizing Tory support io universities and polytechnics among students and academics, will be chaired by Mr Peter Morrison, the recently appointed deputy chairman of the Conservative

Mr Gerry Hayes, MP for Harlow, said the federation Mr Morrisoo said yesterday that the decision to break with the federation had been taken because some of the leadership, with the ootable excep- servatism" through some of

tion of Mr John Bercow, its its members esponsing "tacky, chairman, among others, had seamy" causes such as the legalization of incest and

port of students in the way heroin. Mr Michael Brown, MP for They have been taking up rather narrow positions," he Brigg and Cleethorpes, a freemarket right-winger, said he had defended the federation's right to speak out in the past, but it had tested even his The new forum would be made up of 12 area repre-

sentatives and eight others patience. "I am not surprised at this development. Nut many tears: will be shed."

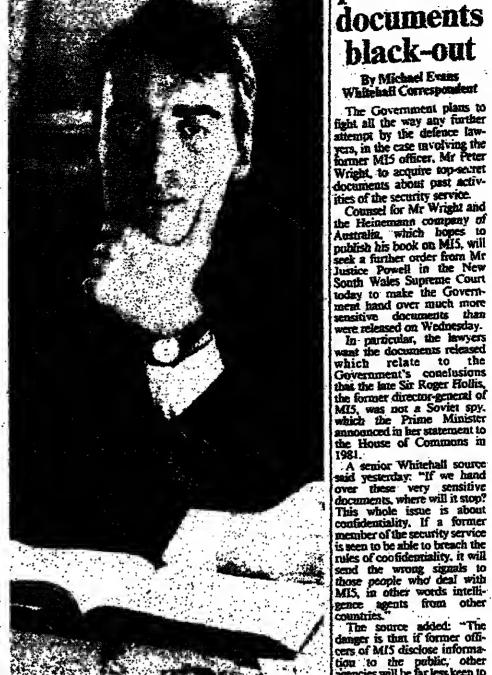
Mr Brown said the shake-up mously approved yesterday by should be seized as an opportunity to reconsider the party's approach to the youth vote, both inside and outside iations, which will decide next year whether to disaffiliate the universities. octwork of campus-based federation branches.

Mr Phibbs said that Mr Tebbit's decision had been unexpected and would cause astonishment and disappointment among the federation's 14 000 members.

He claimed the move was prompted by "people in Central Office who have no time for Mrs Margaret Thatcher and are very much on the left of the Conservative Party". They had been "gunning" for the federation since 1980.

He contrasted federation's loyalty to Mr the "wet-led" Young Conservarives who, he said, earlier this year had issued a statement describing him as a political museer".

He said the federation still has tremendous admiration for Mr Tebbit. "And I hope our members will get oo with promoting the Conservative cause and oot be too distracted by these organizational problems in Londoo," Mr



Mr Phibbs yesterday, when he complained of a witch-hunt.

Bradford City fire

Club lays blame for tragedy

Bradford City Football Club, where 56 spectators died in a grandstand fire in May 1985, yesterday began its evidence in the High Court in Leeds in an attempt to rebuild its reputation and save its

Within minutes of opening his defence at the High Court io Leeds, Mr Roy McAulay, QC, for the club, blamed the tragedy on the club's codefendants, the Government's Health and Safety Executive

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utive and the now-defunct county council must bear legal liability for the disaster.

If a test case brought by Mrs Susan Fletcher, aged 34, and her son Martin, aged 12, succeeds then another 109 claimants will seek damages. Mrs Fletcher lost her husband, a soo and two other relatives

Mr McAulay spoke scornfully of two routine inspections the Health and Safety Executive had made of the Valley Parade ground, the first The hearing will decide in 1980 and a second four whether the club, the execyears later.

Mr Stafford Heginbotham, club chairman, opened his evidence by shouldering the blame for any mistakes made by the club before, during or after the disaster.

Mr Hegiabotham said: The most lasting memory of the fire in my mind is the friendly way in which the flames were greated by many people when the fire first started. They went to have a look at it and then gently walked back to the kiosk to get

The hearing continues

Life sentence

for 'designer

drug' dealers

The Government yesterday

launched a pre-emptive strike against "designer drugs" by announcing that making or

supplying such drugs will at-

tract a maximum penalty of

The synthetic drugs, which have swept parts of the United

States, can be up to a hundred

times stronger than heroin.

Addicts have suffered brain

damage.
Designer drugs are oot a

problem in Britain, but deal-

ers would not technically be

committing an offence. While

pethidine and fentanyl are

controlled drugs certain of

their analogues, from which

designer drugs are made, are

Hawever, the Home Office Minister of State, Mr David

Mellor, extended the Misuse

of Drugs Act, 1971 to cover

uncontrolled analogues from

life imprisonment.

National Trust plan to restore historic estate

with pension changes

By John Young

Ao ambitious scheme to life Fund, and Dyfed County restore one of the great his- Council. toric estates of Wales, owned until 10 years ago by the reputed descendants of medieval kings, was launched yes-terday by Dame Jennifer Jenkins, chairman of the Nat-

ional Trust. Dinefwr Park, near Llandeilo, was a royal estate long before the Norman Conquest and was the focal point of a protracted power struggle be-

tween warring feudal lords.

More than 92,000 miners

are to receive £350 each in

back-pay after agreement by

the National Union of Mine-

workers' national executive to

accept chaoges io the

It is understood that the

£32 million offer was accepted

in spite of opposition from Mr

Arthur Scargill, unioo presi-

dent. The agreement was wel-comed by British Coal, which

regarded it as the last outstanding issue of the bitter

The pension scheme rules

will be amended to make it

clear that future strikes lasting

longer than one complete week will not count as

contributing service. But min-ers will be able to "buy back"

for pensioo purposes periods

lost through unauthorized

12-mooth pit strike.

industry's pension scheme.

The last medieval king, Rhys ap Tewdwr, was officially "conquered" in 1095. but it was another two centuries before the Welsh were finally subdued by Edward L In the meantime Lord Rhys of Dehenbarth had built the present castle.

Around 1440 the estate was. acquired by Groffyd ap Nicholas, one of the new breed initiated by a notable range of organizations, including the Welsh Office, the World Wild-win the Battle of Bosworth.

Court action to begio next

week will decide whether

strike action before the agree-

ment counted as contributing

If the court decides that

strike absence did not count.

five years, or accepting a

If the court decides strike

absence did count, the ques-

tion of recovery of contribu-

Sir Robert Haslam, chair-man of British Coal, said

yesterday: "Our offer was

reduced pension.

tioos will not arise.

iviney, Mr Wright left MI5 11 years ago and emigrated to Austra-lia. Now 71, he lives in seclusion in Tasmania and feels he has a duty to clear out the stables once and for all, to ensure that "the firm", as the

operate with an untainted In 1984 he produced a 160page dossier. The Security of the United Kingdom Against the Assault of the Russian Intelligence, which he sent to Sir Anthony Kershaw, the Tory MP for Stroud and chairman of the Commons

select committee on foreign The dossier, which was kept secret, was also seen by the head of the security service and Mrs Thatcher. But in July 1984 he appeared in a television programme by Gra-nada's World in Action, in which he disclosed all his **NUM** wins back-pay

> Roser Hollis was a double Mr Wright spent many years, both during his time with MI5 and after he left. investigating Soviet penetra-tion of Britain's intelligence services, and in particular the allegations against Sir Roger. and is so coovinced of his own findings that he offered to

> allegations and insisted that

he was 99 per cent sure that Sir

Cabinet

plans MI5

black-out

By Michael Evens Whitehall Correspondent

The Government plans to

fight all the way any further sitempt by the defence law-yers, in the case involving the

former MIS officer, Mr Peter

ities of the security service.

Counsel for Mr Wright and

the Heinemann company of

seek a further order from Mr

Justice Powell in the New

South Wales Supreme Court

today to make the Govern-

ment hand over much more

sensitive documents than were released on Wednesday.

in particular, the lawyers

want the documents released

which relate to the

announced in her statement to

A senior Whitehall source said yesterday: "If we hand

over these very sensitive

member of the security service

is seen to be able to breach the

rules of coofidentiality, it will

send the wrong signals to those people who deal with Mi5, in other words intelli-

gence agents from other

danger is that if former offi-cers of MI5 disclose informa-

tion to the public, other agencies will be far less keen to

pass on information to the

The plan by the Govern-

ment to appeal against any further order for more docu-

ments will inevitably delay the

start of the court case in

security service is known, can

security service."

The source added: "The

arrested once he stepped foot oo British soil.

His book is an examination of the history of Soviet penetration of MI5 between 1958 and 1975, the years when he was a member, as well as detailing allegedly unlawful acts by MI5, including a plot to assassinate President Nasmade to wipe the slate clean and resolve problems by agreement, which is always better than protracted litigaser during the Suez crisis and a bugging operation mounted against No 10 when the then Mr Harold Wilson was Prime

come to Britain to appear before the Security Compensioo scheme members will have the option of making up mission. He was shocked when he was told that he would be that period by contributing up to I per cent of carnings over



Engagement a 'family thing'

Mr Mark Thatcher, and his fiancée, Miss Diane Burgdorf, faced photographers and televison crews for a short time at 10 Downing Street yes-

But the couple refused to allow reporters into the session, would not answer questions, and even hid the engagement ring from the

The 20 photographers and TV crews allowed into Downing Street had to prompt them to smile.

We asked them to show as . the ring but Mark just held

see it," said one photographer

"He even pulled her hand behind his back so that we could not get a glimpse of the ring. Everyone was every serious." Mrs Thatcher and her hashand, Denis, joined the couple for a family photograph in the entrance hall, but even

they stayed silent.

The only time Mark Thatther, aged 33, spoke was when be told the photographers: "It's a family thing," after they asked him again for a look at the ring.

tions of the younger Mr Thatcher, who is know to show

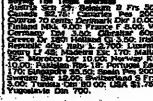
of a Dallas businessman, will have lunch at Downing Street factory in Wirksworth, Derbytoday and are expected to return to the United States at 10bs.

Mr Thatcher, who is the Dallas representative for Lotes Cars, first met Miss Burgdorf about 18 months

engagement came on the eve of

second factory

The Robyn children's clothes group, which closed a factory in Derby last week Bargdorf, who is the daughter with the loss of 100 jobs, said yesterday that it is to shut its



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By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspo

The BBC promised yes-terday to exercise more care in the portrayal of violence on television, especially in news

Ans.

Mr Will Wyatt, chairman of a committee of BBC execa communice of BBC executives that produced the new guidelines, said last night that the expansion of satellite communications has resulted in a large increase in the number of violent news stories available to editors.

The new guidelines call for restraint. News programmes "should and will shock viewers at times" but editors should never show violence gratuitously because the more viewers are shocked, the more it will take to shock them in

Pictures of bodies should be used only with great care and close-ups should be avoided save in exceptional circumstances. Grief should be portrayed with restraint and reports of suicide may include the method if relevant but not the details of it.

Mr Wyatt said that with minor exceptions, the new guidelines do not set stricter standards for violence than previous BBC rules. But they do spell out the corporation's policy in a shorter, crisper manner, and are intended to be easier to apply in practice.

The guidelines are being distributed to programme makers and will be reinforced by an internal video illustrating the decisions that must be taken before violent acts are

When it is necessary to include scenes of violence in dramas and films, the guidelines say that producers must make efforts to ensure that the audience knows what is in prospect, "so that viewers are not ambushed by offensive

That is to be achieved by announcements before pro-grammes begin and through Radio Times and newspapers. Violent programmes will not be identified by the use of on-screen symbols because that may encourage viewing

for the wrong reason.

The guidelines do not bar the use of violent portrayals. "Violence is part of both nature and society," the BBC

But decisions on whether to include violent material in any television programme are complicated and subtle, the new guidelines state.

Different criteria apply for

programmes to be shown before the 9pm "watershed" when children are expected to be watching, and afterwards, when audiences are presumed to be more mature.

But whenever a drama is to contain violence, producers must consider who is committing the act, whether the viewer is meant to identify with the perpetrator, whether the perpetrator appears to be enjoying the violence, and is the violence essential to the

Viewers are likely to be particularly disturbed by scenes of domestic violence, sexual violence, cruelty to children and animals and extreme or sustained violence

There is also a danger that techniques of violence can seem admirable, can be imitated. Martial arts techniques and any violence with ropes (especially hangings) and with domestic knives should only be included with extreme

Although there is a compar-

Battle against Aids

plaints about violence in dramas produced by the BBC itself (the biggest cause of viewer complaints is bad lanreduced if programme makers exercise commonsense, the guidelines say.

In programmes acquired from outside the BBC, content cannot be controlled in the production process, but must nevertheless be made to conform to the corporation's edi-

Violence in purchased ma-terial, particularly American programmes, is often different in style and emphasis than in BBC-made dramas, and guns

are used more frequently.

"In general, this seems acceptable to the audience which is aware that it is a fact of life in the US to find guns in the hands of the police and

The BBC has rejected a number of films, including The Exorcist, Friday the Thirteenth and Straw Dogs, because they were too graphic.

Mrs Mary Whitehouse,
president of the National Viewers and Listeners Association, a frequent critic of the BBC, said last night that the new guidelines were admirable in themselves, but she

remained sceptical. "What they need is to ensure that the guidelines they have are put into practice." • Tighter controls on the advertising of toys on tele-vision are being considered to reduce the "over-emotional" appeal used by some advertisers (Our Political Staff writes).

The Independent Broadcasting Authority is to hold talks with toy makers and advertisers to meet complaints. But that will not affect toy advertisements shown in atively small number of com- the run-up to Christmas.

their children from lessons.

Mrs Currie said she was a

strong supporter of sex educa-tion in schools. "Thank God it is now enshrined in law."



Lesley Manville on stage at the Lyric, Hammersmith, where she will star in Alice in Plain English Campaig Wonderland, said to be the first production for 100 years. The show, which opens on December 18, is an adaptation by John Wells and Carl Davis (Photograph: John Rogers). Stockport, SK12 7HP.

Campaign to simplify contract language

A campaign launched today aims to outlaw bad language in standard consumer con-

The National Consumer Council and the Plain English Campaign, who have joined forces, are not objecting to the profound or obscene—they simply want contracts to be written in easily understood

Miss Chrissie Maher of the Plain English Campaign, said yesterday: "Using gibberish makes it easy for firms to pull the wool over the eyes of

As a first step the NCC and Plain English Campaign are collecting examples of cases in which people claim to have suffered financial or other loss because they signed a contract form which they did not One case already discovered

involves a television hire agreement which took 114 words and cross-references to two other sections and a schedule to inform readers that if they signed for a year's hire they could not have a refund if the set was returned

The address to which other examples should be sent is: Plain English Campaign, Ver-non House, Whaley Bridge,

M6 crash driver 'was travelling too fast'

A coach driver involved in a motorway pile-up in which 13 people died did not apply his brakes until the last second, a

jury was told yesterday. Mr John Bonnyman attempted to reduce his speed a queue of traffic, it was said at Preston Crown Court, Lancashire. By that time it was too

late.
The court also was told of allegations that the stretch of the M6. at Barton, was inad-equately serviced by roadwork signs at the time of the crash in October last year.

Mr Bonnyman, aged 63, of Millar Place, Edinburgh, de-nies four charges of causing death by reckless driving. His coach, heading to London from Edinburgh, crashed into a car which was flung through the air in flames. Attempts to free two people in the blazing car

Mrs Yvonne Bowker, of Balmoral Drive, Stockport, a passenger in a car travelling behind the coach, told the court she thoughl il was

travelling too fast. She said: "He was two coach-lengths away from cars in front before he braked. It was more or less as he touched the cars when his lights came

Her hnsband, Mr Brian Bowker, said a car struck by the coach flew through the air. He added: "Everything be-came still. There was just a moment of silence until the fire spread and everybody

started dashing about."
Mr William Grimshaw, a lorry driver, of Kendal, Cumhria, who was travelling in the opposite direction, said the coach had travelled towards a build-up of traffic near roadworks as though there was a clear road ahead.

"There was a tremendous clout," Mr Grimshaw said, "It seemed to climb over the car, which then exploded."

In a written statement. Gillian McAverty, an op-tician, from Hampshire, criticized inadequate signs warning drivers of a two-lane closure. "There was not enough

notice to drivers on a busy motorway that there was danger," she said.

Mr William Waldron, QC, for the prosecution, has alleged that Mr Bonnyman crashed at about 60mph. The trial contioues.

Maxwell praised | Dismissed printer for his courage

Lord Elwyn Jones, the for- may well be because he is mer Attorney General and Lord Chancellor, and a friend of Mr Robert Maxwell and his family for 30 years, told the High Court yesterday of the publisher's "moral and physical courage".

He said it "was manifested

on the battlefield when he came from his own country, having suffered the loss of some members of his family

"I think he was one of only a few private soldiers to be commissioned on the field and had Montgomery personally pin a Military Cross on his any pin a miniary cross on his chest. These things are not forgotten in my mind.

"He is a pretty tough character.I don't think he is

adverse to self publicity. It

Girls are

expelled

Three sixth form girl board-

Norfolk have been expelled

for taking drugs at an eighteenth birthday party, it was

A day youth who took the girls to a drug dealer in Norwich has left of his own

accord and 11 other pupils

have been suspended for

drinking.
Mr Ronald Wolsey, the college head, said: "This is the

first time we have had any

hint of drug-taking and we will

not tolerate such behaviour."

The girls, who were vi-olently ill, admitted to Mr Wolsey that they had paid £2

for amphetamines.

Norfolk police are

A German teddy bear, made

90 years ago and kept on top of a great-grandmother's ward-robe, has fetched £520 at

76, of Seaton, East Devon,

whose teddy was given to her late husband 77 years ago,

plans to buy a new microwave oven with the money.

Mr Charanjit Dosagh, a law

graduate, jumped overboard

from a ferry on its way from Ostend to Dover after passing law examinations, but being

unable to get a job, an inquest

at Hammersmith was told

yesterday.

A verdict of suicide was recorded on Mr Dosagh, aged 24, of Kingston Road, Sou-

thall west London.

Ferry suicide

Teddy bear

for £520

disclosed yesterday.

connected with a newspaper. I admire what he has done. He has pretty well rescued the Daily Mirror.

Mr Maxwell used his position as chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers partly to influence the Labour Party and foreign governments such as Bulgaria, to secure business advantages, Mr Richard Ingrams, former editor of Private Eye, said. He said one article in the

Daily Mirror was "propagan-da for a communist dictator of a horrible kind. Mr Ingrams was continoing

his evidence on the ninth day of Mr Maxwell's High Court libel action against him and the magazine's publishers. The hearing continues.

denies attack Mr Shirfield said he had A dismissed printer accused been in another public house

of attacking a journalist, who worked for The Times, with a beer glass denied yesterday having been in the public house at the time. Mr Robin Shirfield, aged

before the oewspaper moved to Wapping, east London, last January, told Southwark Cro-wn Court, in south London: "1 can assure you it was not me." Mr Shirfield denies a charge of wounding Mr Christopher Warman, aged 48.

46, who worked for The Times

The alleged incident hanpened in February at the Packenham Arms oear The Times' former offices in Gray's Inn Road, central

near by, the Calthorpe, and had gone home unaware of the incident. Four colleagues from the National Graphical Associ-

ation, the print union, said he

had been in the Calthorpe. Earlier, Mr Patrick Twomey, licensee of the Packenham, and Mr Grant Kirkby, a former barman, said they identified the defendant as having been in the Packenham that evening.

The jury has been told that the man was identified as the attacker by Mr Michael Crozier, a journalist who had worked at The Times. The trial continues today.

growing danger - students

In this week's Spectator, Dr Thomas Stuttaford explains exactly how the disease can reach any nonmonogamous heterosexual.

ing an age in which no one on the cheek.

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Aids should bring about the revolution in sexual habits which no amount of preaching has managed.

He sets out the great scale of the problem and laments attempts to downplay its seriousness.

We are confronted with a plague to which millions are vulnerable and for which there is no cure. We are entershould go further than a kiss

And Dr Stuttaford identi-

and West Indians. What will

What power has the Government to stop the disease?

be the political consequences?

Also in this week's Spectator, Ferdinand Mount and Jock Bruce - Gardyne ask whether Mr Lawson's election boom will do the trick, while our wine and food special issue tells you how to enjoy the good times while they last.

Colin Welch finds shafts of perception in the eccentric world of Prince Charles's guru, Laurens van der Post; Sally Vincent reveals all about her times with Jeffrey Bernard; and Frank Johnson of The Times contributes his first Diary.

'Condoms should be free' call By Thomson Prentice

Science Correspondent

The Government is being asked to provide free condoms to help to control the spread of

The Cabinet committee set up to lead the education discuss the possibility at its next meeting.

Medical specialists at Aids units who advocate the move received support yesterday from representatives of 10,000 community pharmacists in England and Wales, and in a leading article in the British

Medical Journal today.

Miss Kaye Wellings, research officer of the Family Planning Information Service, says in the journal: "The time is now ripe for a major public information campaign on evidence for the protective effects of condoms and sperm-

"People should be cucouraged to use them and provided with clear instruc-

tions for their use."
Advertising the products should be allowed on television. "There is a case for setting aside the sensitivities of a minority when lives are at stake," she said.
"The Department of Health and Social Security must de-

be provided free of charge for prophylaxis as they are m family planning clinics for contraceptive use." Some drug clinics and cen-tres for sexually transmitted

cide whether condoms should

diseases are already distributing free condoms. Mr David Sharpe, chairman of the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee, representing the pharmacists, said: "I do not believe that the

free issue of condoms will

promote promiscuity, but will prevent the spread of a plague of biblical proportions.

A DHSS spokesman said:

Both the free issue of condoms and making the leaflets available through pharmacists as well will be considered by the Cabinet committee at its

next meeting".

Tell pupils of gay sex, says Currie

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Schoolchildren should be unqualified right to withdraw taught about homosexuality as part of the fight against Aids, according to Mrs Edwina Currie, the Under Secretary for Health.

In an interview published yesterday which seemed cerof her party, Mrs Currie came down clearly in favour of an explicit campaign against the

She told New Society magazine that she favoured a policy of "calling a spade a spade" and that she despaired of the "young fogies" in her party who were offended by four-letter words. She believed the ablic wanted to be told frankly what the facts were.

But it was her remarks about sex education which will most upset Tory colleagues. Forty-three Conservative MPs rebelled against the Government last month over its

plans to make governors the arbiters of what sex education

Asked if that meant teaching children about bomo-sexuality to prevent Aids, she She also said that she favoured giving the contra-ceptive pill to young girls. "I dont like the idea . . . but

I we seen the consequences of not allowing it. I don't think it is for parents to decide. If you don't have young girls on the pill you will have more school-girl mothers. It's two evils— Mrs Currie's favoured health message on Aids was:

"Be with someone you know". For those infected, the best and simplest advice was to stop having sexual But Mrs Currie said that she was opposed to the com-

was given in schools; they wanted parents to have the New drug needs more tests, makers insist

company yesterday countered criticism about its anti-Aids drug, Azidothymidine (AZT),

which is under going trials.

Mr Alfred Shepperd, chairman and chief executive, was replying to claims that Wellcome was slow to make the drug available to individual doctors and was thought to be unable to produce adequate quantities of AZT to meet

Mr Shepperd, speaking after the publication of the group's results for the year to the end of August 1986, emphasized that the group was aware of the importance of the work it was undertaking on Aids. But he said: "AZT is still a drug on

the production process are very new. I can't over state the human dedication which is going into working on this drug. Yesterday we commit-ted £15-£20 million to capital

hance production."
In clinical trials AZT has proved effective in the treatment of Aids sufferers and patients with related diseases However, it is not a cure and at present has been given under strict supervision only to patients fulfilling stringent

The head of the Wellcome ing on the drug for 18 months, ompany yesterday countered riticism about its anti-Aids development technology and

expenditure in order to en-

Given the toxicity of the drug, it is unclear at this stage as to whether it will be suitable for wider applications.

trial. "We have only been work-The General Synod

Anglicans in split on papal authority

tions, to accept a doctrinal

authority in the church. The Houses of Bishops and in favour of this section of the Church of England's Response to the Final Report of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC). But the laity, which remains critical of the Pope exercising control in the event

convergence on the nature of authority in the church for our communious together to ex-plore further the structures of

bury, Dr Robert Ruscie, attempted to allay the fears of many synod members saying he believed it was possible for a new style of papal leadership

Loudon, said it would be misleading to say to Roman Catholics that there was the Cathones may mere was use slightest likelihood the Church of England would accept the kind of papery that has existed in Rome for a He could not conceive it

possible that anyone would want the kind of prin which claimed to decide • The Rev Dr Richard Rodgers, of Northfield, Bir-mingham, yesterday talked to

Ratushinskaya, the Russian Christian poet, who was re-leased last month from Kiev prison. She wants to take ap an offer of medical treatment Three Americans hostages who have just been released will be in Lambeth Palace on Senday and Monday at the invitation of Dr Rencie. The three, the Rev Ben Weir, the Rev Martin Jenco and Dr David Jacobsen, will join American representatives of the Presbyterian Episcopalian and Roman Catholic churches to discuss further moves to

Baker hopes for big change in English teaching

Fundamental changes in the way the English language was taught in schools were needed. State for Education and Science. said io the resumed Commons debate on the Queen's Speech. He would shartly be appointing a committee to consider the

issue.
Mr Baker welcomed the opportunity to report to the flouse about progress of the Government's education policies. Much had happened since he last review io June last year. He said that the education system was a large investment in expensive investment met by national and local taxpayers.

Most of the argument in the Most of the argument in the House was about the size of that investment. Much less was heard from the Opposidoo about getting good value for all those billions and about the benefits to children, students and the nadon. Even less was heard about anything achieves. heard about quality, achieve-ment and standards.

The purpose of iovestment must be in promote higher standards of achievement. Resources were of course im-portant, whether they were material or human. But education could not be seen just in money terms; it was not cash but quality that was important and by standards he meant what childreo and students were

fearning.
In recent weeks there had been tremendous media interest io the teachers' pay talks. He wished there could be as much public interest, not just in the crises of the talks, but in what was happening in the schools.

He had been enurmously encouraged by some of the things be had seen during his visits to schools across the

country.
Many exciting changes were taking place in primary schools. The miods of the five, six and seveo-year-olds were more opeo than at any time io their life and a child's desire to learn was intense. That presented a chal-lenge for teachers. Science was being introduced into that levet of schooling in a more sys-

In secondary schools he had seen immeose changes in the type of subjects taught. Where there was a greater emphasis on technical and practical educa-

Labour hopes for Thatchers

Offeriog congratulations to Mr questions in the Commons that he hoped, if they married and wished to live in this country. that Miss Bergdorf would not have to wait too long for entry

He hoped that her application would oot fail the "primary purpose test" and that her documents would be considered entirely genuine by the entry-clearance officer. If that were to the experience of many black modest means whn found themselves in that situation when they married British people.

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tion that was creating interest and enthusiasm in the 13 to 15year-olds, reflected in lower truancy and absentee figures.

There should be a national school curriculum setting out the objectives about what should be learnt and standards achieved. A good starting point was mathematics, science and fnreign languages. Next on the list was English

There was confusion at present about one essential element, the question of teaching how the English language worked. Our language was our greatest

Our language was our greatest national asset and there was widespread discussion about teaching English in schools, not just about how well children could express themselves in writing and reading books, but how they expressed themselves by speaking out with confidence.

needed. He would shortly be appointing a committee to consider what children should be taught about the English language and how that should be tackled in the classroom.

The GCSE examination was important because it would raise standards of achievement. One thing that worried him about the curriculum, and which was the curse of British education, was 14 years should be able to drop science or the humanities. "I am working to make that

Sixth formers followed a narrow curriculum, and the Gov-ernment was pressing ahead with the introduction of the oew Advanced Supplementary (AS) levels in the autumn. That would enable those specializing in science to do AS levels in history, and those studying humanities to do AS level in

mathematics or chemistry. Changes in the organization of the education system were being made, particularly with the Education Act that had gone on the statute book last week. For too long they had left too much to the professional educators and providers and the customers had too little to say and too little opportunity to make a cootribution.

The British system was often said to be decentralized, but enormous powers were en-trusted to education authorities, oot always with the happiest results. The Education Act changed that, It was a radical

No longer would it be possible for a local education authority to foist a head teacher on a did not want that head teacher. From September, the govern-ing body would become respon-

sible for spending a sum of money allocated by the local authority for books, material and staconery, but some local authorities already gave much greater delegation to governing bodies. Mr Antony Marlow (Northamp-too North, C): Will he consider

giving governing bodies a right to their own budgets? Mr Baker: I believe that is the way forward. It will lead to keener management of re-sources and encourage people of

would still be left with responsibility for teacher-train teacher force.

between what the maintained sector offers and what could be provided by others who have an interest in raising standards and giving wider opportunities."
The Government was show

ing its concern for the quality of education by the sums it made The House would need no reminding of the long-running nature of the problem.

Reform of the teaching pro-fession had been mooted at least seven years ago and the present negotiations had been going on hegonations had been going on for more than two years. There had been widespread disruption in the schools, harming chil-dren's education. It was time to

bring that saga in an end.

That was why he had made a statement to the House a fort night ago setting out the Government's position. He had made clear that the

Government would make additional resources available if two important conditions were delivered. First, a pay structure with differentials and, second, teachers' professional duties must be clarified and carried through into enforceable con-

tracts of employment.

He had already said the
Government was willing to make large additional resources available. It had offered a fair and generous settlement to the teachers, recognizing their status io the community and in na-tional life.

There can be no question of still further to the cost of settling the present dispute and to the £16.6 billion for the education

services next year."

The present oegotiations, which were still cootinuing, were taking place under the Burnham arrangements, set in place by the 1965 Act. It was clear that it had now come to the end of its useful life and the oegotiations in Coventry, Nottingham and London showed

ungnam and London showed how ineffective and cumber-some the arrangements were. It was recognized on all sides that Burnham had failed. For the past two weeks it had mumbled, fumbled and stum-bled. The Government proposed to

bring forward a Bill to repeal the Remuneration of Teachers Act and establish an interim advisory committee to advise him on the pay and conditions of teachers. It would be introduced shortly. The children of this better than the fiasco of Notting ham and London. Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the

Opposition, said that it was not Burnham but the minister and his policies that were discredited. How could the Government impose contracts on people it did not employ? Was a Bill in draft or was Mr Baker simply using this as a gambit to try to influence matters which should be the subject of proper Baker said that there was

If the Secretary of State did not accept his (Mr Radice's) word he had only to listen to his certainly a Bill in draft. The role and duoes of a teacher should be established and laid down.



School cash condemned as too little too late

tors (HMIs) had warned successive secretaries of state about the inadequacy of pro-vision and state of repair in far

tion spokesman on education, replying to Mr Baker in the resumed debate on the Queen's Speech, said that he welcomed the fact that under pressure from the voters the Government had at last understood that education old be a priority.

should be a priority.

Also welcome was the fact that after saying for seven years that the nation could not afford extra money for education the money had been found, although Mr Baker characteristically multiplied by three the actual increase in spending on education for 1987-38. tion for 1987-88.

In this coming year education would account for a lower proportion of public spending than in the previous year. Par-ents and teachers could be forgiven for concluding that the Government's last-minute change of direction was in-fluenced far more by political calculation, both electoral and personal, than by genuine

What was more, the increase announced in the autumn statement was clearly far too little and too late to put right the many glaring problems in the schools, including shortages of books and equipment.

there were more than three and a half million pupils in secondary schools who all needed a good technological education? Twenty schools made very little dif-ference. In the past, that kind of experiment had not worked.

It was common ground that the key to rising educational standards was the performance of teachers. The best graduates could not be attracted and retained unless teachers were

The city colleges were educa-tionally ussound, technologi-cally inapproriate and socially divisive. Many pupils would be creamed off and scarce teaching If the Government and the Secretary of State had come up-with the kind of money they were now offering the teachers, there would never have been a dispute resources would go from already hard-pressed inner city schools

pared to accept the long-term and comprehensive deal which had been so agonizingly worked out over the past few days The inner cities would be divided because the select few would go to the best equipped schools while the overwhelming jority would go to the schools The Secretary of State, his civil servants and his press department had consistently Did he really believe that he

The package offered a big ncrease in pay which was broadly within the Government's price tag. It provided a structure on pay which would help to recruit the best graduates while providing a career structure. It linked together pay and conditions and provided a clear definition on what teachers, duties should be.

working in the last 18 months for a long-term settlement much resent both his attitude and his clausy interference in negotia-

what teachers' duties should be. "It is a voluntary agreement freely agreed between the local authorities and the teachers. As such, it is far more likely to stick "We have heard a lot in the last few days about the Sec-retary of State losing his pa-

Risking relations with US 'would be complete folly'

it would be folly needlessly in put at risk the economic, point-cal and security relationship between the United States and Europe, Lady Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Lords when the debate on

the Queen's Speech resumed.

Opening a debate on foreign affairs and defence, she said that that relationship had brought 40 years of peace and prosperity, and it was folly enough to denigrate it as some had done, "Just when the economic and political success of the Western world is getting results, just when the Soviet Union is at long

last ready to talk seriously, why now throw in our cards in a grand umlateral gesture? "What a mistake that would be. It would dismay our friends and delight our adversaries. "This Government will not make that mistake. We will ensure that our nation is prop-erly defended against the

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continuing military and ideo-logical challange from the Soviet

The Soviet Union had not changed its long-term objective of achieving superiority over the

leader's interest in arms reductions. But the deeper the reducweapons the more important it became to address the im-balance in conventional and

It would be wrong to interpret as anti-Arab the decision by members of the EEC to send Syria a clear message that its official involvement in terrorise activity was unacceptable. Britain and her partners in Europe attached great importance to their links with Arab states.

Iran arms statement demanded

The Prime Minister should make a statement now on reports that the United States Government had sold arms to Iran, Mr Michael Foot (Blacanu Gwent, Lab) urged during besi-ness questions in the Commons.

If it was not clear that she was she returned from her visit to Washington at the weekend, should she not make a statement on those matters before she went, he asked.

There had been a most remarkable change of policy by the US Government in its decision to go as far as selling arms to states engaged in acts of terrorism over long periods.

"Can we be told whether the formed of these matters and what size is going to say when she goes to Washington?"

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, said that he was sure that this was the kind of question Mr Foot would like to put to the Prime Minister when she was available next week on Tuesday

Earlier, he told Mr Neil Kinneck, Leader of the Opposition, who had asked if the Prime Minister would make a statement on her return, that there was no fixed rule on an oral statement being made after a bilateral meeting.

 Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) said that now it had been decided that Ealing, Cam-den and Fulliam councils had been acting illegally in banning.
The Times and other interlic libraries, could suitable ministers come before the House to answer questions about the great costs of the case and how these were to be met by the councils?

Electors in his constituency were not prepared to pay the costs of Ealing Council's political action, believing that the money should come out of Labour Party funds. Mr Biffen said that it was not clear where ministerial re-sponsibility lay in the tangled affair, but he promised to look

Discounts for tenants announced

flats will be entitled to a maginum discount of 70 per cent from January 7, Mr John Patters, Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, amounted in a Commons uniter really

He also amounced that the reduction of the period of liability so repay discount on resale will come into effect for

That provision will apply to owners who have aiready hought at a discount, so long as they do not sell before then. The changes are being made under a commencement order bringing sections one to four of the Housing and Planning Act

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be: Monday (2.30): Continuation of Gocal government and Scot-

Tuesday (2.30): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech (industry and employment). Wednesday (2.30): Conclusion of debute on the Queen's Speech Thursday (2.30): Debate on the

report of the Peacock committee on financing the BBC. Friday (9.30): Debate on Aids. The main business in the House of Lords next week will

Tuesday (2.30): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech (home affairs and the en-Wednesday (2.30): Conclusion of debute on the Queen's Speech

economic affairs and Thursday (3): Debate oo nuclear power in Europe.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Continuation of debate on Queen's Speech (subject for debate: foreign affairs).

EEC bureaucrats attacked over Europe TV plan

three years.

Lord Thomson of Mon-Lord Thomson of Mon-ifieth, chairman of the In-EEC, rising to 60 per cent in dependent Broadcasting Authority, yesterday attacked "the European bureaucrats" who wanted to cootrol the content of radio and televisioo programmes throughout the Common Market.

The EEC directive, due to become law oext year, is unnecessary and would restrict the freedom of broad-



Lord Thomson: European culture does not exist.

Giving evidence to a House of Lords sub-committee investigating the directive, Lord Thomson criticized the difference between the original EEC Green Paper, Television without Frontiers, and the draft directive. New proposals include radio in the harmonization plans for broadcasting and set out quotas for the amonot of EEC-produced programmes to be

This calls for member states

standards of television programmes and advertising to meet the challenge of satellite and cable television. Opponents of the system

argue that this will mean that American soap operas, such as Dallas and Dynasty, would be replaced by Italian "soft porn" oo British screens. It could lead to a channel being entirely devoted to American game shows, for

instance, because game shows,

news and sport are exempt Lord Thomson argued that the plan will lead to an objectionable situation with programme schedules being held up by bureaucrats in Brussels. Broadcasting did not lend itself to the same processes as, for instance, the

There are diverse national cultures. To suggest that there is some kind of ethereal European culture is bogus", he

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is against the proposals. But, with more decisions taken with majority voting, Britain could be forced to accept them.

The Home Office has ques tioned the legality of the EEC to impose such laws under the Treaty of Rome.

An important and unprecedented meeting of the Council of Ministers in Vienna in December will discuss ways of guaranteeing the quality of programmes oo European television screens. Lord Thomson indicated that the IBA preferred that approach, ra-This calls for member states ther than forcing a certain to buy 30 per cent of their quota figure and sticking to it.



oluntary schools praised

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter inner cities funded from Whitehall and run by indepen-

"There is no easy short-cut

"I suspect fiveCTCs, introduced by agreement and in

or quick fix in CTCs that are

imposed, rather than grafted

partnership with the local

authorities, would be worth far

more than twenty CTCs forced

on unwilling local education authorities."

the dirigiste approach adopted

by the Secretary of State for Education and Science would

reduce teacher supply by creaming off those with a technical background, in-

crease the dangers of too early specialization by pupils and disrupt the work of inner city

He also accessed Mr Baker

people with mathematical,

scientific and technological

The SDP leader said that

dent trasts.

on to the system.

An expansion of the existing network of voluntary schools offers the best prospect of raising educational standards and bringing greater diversity to the state system, Dr David Owen said last night.

In an important and radical speech on education policy, the SDP leader acknowledged the force of some of the freemarket criticisms now being directed at the maintained

Further, by calling for more alternatives to the present order, he indicated a willing-ness to risk offending the strongly pro-comprehensive lobby in his own party. However, he was careful to

temper his remarks with an insistence that the new schools must operate within the orbit of local education authorities. It was on that point that Dr Owen took strongest issue with Mr Kenneth Baker's plan

to set up a network of 20 city

technology colleges in the

skills, and the poor quality of education in some inner city schools, seen in undisciplined children with low levels of literacy and numeracy. The solution to both lay with

building on the existing sys-tem and the powers within the Education Act, 1944. Under the Act, voluntary schools of a non-denomina tional character could be set

up with the approval of the local education authority and the Secretary of State. As with existing church schools, all the money, except 15 per cent to cover the cost of maintenance and external repair of buildings, would come from the State. "It is wrong to assume that

all education wisdom lies either with the education

authorities or with the "Other bodies with ideas able to establish and run

Tin crisis MPs concede defeat

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter.

its attempt to prise informa-tion from the Bank of England, but believes it already has sufficient evidence to write a damning report about the Bank's role in last autumn's tin crisis.

The trade and industry committee had twice formally asked the Bank for descriptions of confidential documents relating to the impending crisis which the Government has admitted it showed to the Bank. On the first occasion the

Bank simply sent a list containing such information as "one working document" and the date. On the second occasion last week Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Bank's governor, told Mr Ken Warren, the committee chairman, that he could provide nothing

The Bank is understood to have taken the view that were

A Commons select committee for contempt it could have conceded defeat yesterday in persuaded MPs that its silence was vital to protect its sensitive relationship with the Government. At a private meeting yes-

terday the committee took no further steps to pursue the matter, but members believe they have already established that the Bank knew what was SOIDS OFF The committee has also

established that the Bank, despite the fact that it was advising the tin dealers as well as the Government, made just one conspicuously unsuccessful attempt in the three years leading up to the crisis to warn the brokers, and none to warn their creditor banks

The tin dealers, who estimate their intitial losses at £165 million, are now taking legal action against the Gov-ernment, while the banks are owed £340 million. One of the four Cornish mines has closed and the other three were kept it reported by the committee open only through £25 mil-to the full House of Commons lion in government aid.

Tory rate rebels may get some concessions

By Our Political Staff

ment, is expected to make a they vote against the Governseries of small concessions to ment. Among the back-Conservative rebels to stave benchers pressing Mr Ridley off a serious backbench revolt to vary the allocation are Mr on next year's rate support Patrick Jenkin, the former grant settlement.

This is likely to mean a slight shift in the amount of government money to go to certain Conservative-controlled shire councils in the south of England.

The rebels include several retaries, who are only one step rises in their areas.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Sec- down from ministerial rank retary of State for Environ- and could face dismissal if

Secretary of State for the Environment, and Mr Ian Gow, the former Minister for

Mr Ridley and Mr Rhodes Boyson, an Environment Minister, have been listening to complaints from the unhappy backbenchers that the parliamentary private sec- allocation will mean high rate

Labour's team is named By Our Political Staff

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Labour peers, announced yesterday his list of frontbench spokesmen for the new session.

Lord Bruce of Donington

will become chief Treasury spokesman in place of Lord Barnett, Labour's former Chiof Secretary to the Treasury, who is now deputy chairman of the BBC.

Chief spokesman on trade and industry will be Lord Williams of Elvel, who was praised for his work on the inancial Services Bill. The main Labour spokes-

men are: Leader: Lord Cledwyn of Departy Leader: Lord Un-Chief White Lord Ponsonby Peers' representative on Par-mentary Committee: Lord

Oram; Deputy Chief Whip: Lady Agriculture, Food, Forestry and Fisheries: Lord Juhnann risperses Lord IntaMackie;
Arts, Libraries, Heritage,
Broadcasting: Lady Birk;
Civil Service, Foreign affairs
and Welsh affairs: Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos;
Defeace: Lord Irving of
Dattford;
Education and Science: Lord
Macintoch of Naringer.

MacIntosh of Haringey; Electoral affairs and transport: Lord Underhill;

Employment: Lord McCarthy; Energy: Lord Stoddart of windon; Environment: Lady David; Health: Lord Ennals; Home Office: Lord Misboon; Legal affairs: Lord Elwyn-

Northern Ireland: Lord Prys-Davies; Scottish Office: Lord Ross of Margock: Social security: Lady Jeger; Trade and industry: Lord Williams of Eivel; Treasury: Lord Bruce of

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Extremists warned not to attend **Belfast rally**

The RUC yesterday warned "loyalists" planning protests to mark the first anniversary of the Anglo-Irish agreement of the dangers of demonstrations being exploited by criminal and subversive elements.

There are fears that loyalist paramilitaries and extremists intend organizing their own activities, but the two Unionist leaders want to ensure that tomorrow's rally in Belfast is

Tens of thousands of loyalists are expected outside the city hall to "show that Ulster still says no" to the agreement, but the unionist party leaders warned paramilitaries and hooligans to stay away.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists and the Rev Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Ucionists, pledged there would be no cuts in electricity services tomor-row, and said the purpose of the rally was a "head count" to demonstrate to the world the loyalist opposition to the deal.

Mr Paisley said that people could carry union and Ulster flags but added: "People will not be there to have a paramilitary demonstration. We have made it clear we don't want anyone in boods or covering their faces."

The 14 Unionist MPs, who have boycotted oormal parliamentary business for the past 12 months, have with 22 Conservative backbenchers put down an amendment to the Queen's Speech and will vote against the government motion in the House of Commons next week.

Mr Paisley and Mr Moly-neaux are to meet Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader,

SECURITY STATISTICS

Deaths	46	56	
Injuries RUC	285	456	
Injuries RUC Reserve	70	86	١.
Army	17	38	
UDR	13	7	
Civillans	429	646	
TOTAL.	814	1243	,
Shootings	200	310	
Punishment attacks.	. 25	29	
Attacks on RUC - ne:	570	1300	•
Bombs			
Explosions	125	124	
Detused	60	62	•
Charges			•
Murder	23	9	1
Attempted murder	45	24	•
Firearms	95	113	,
Explosives	34	20	
Armed robbery	50	50	

Other offences

on Wednesday to discuss the security situation, which has worsened since the signing of the agreement a year ago.

A comparison of the years activities. They claim to have killed nine people in the November 6, 1986, compo with two the year before. RUC officer injuries rose from 113 to 348 and civilian injuries

increased from 42 to 186. Although loyalist terrorism has increased, it has not been on the scale frequently promised by extremists.

The grand aims of the greement of ushering in peace stability and reconciliation" have so far proved elusive, with sectarian divisions deeper, increased vi-olence, intimidation and little hope of the British and Irish governments' aim of a devolved government in the province likely in the foresec-

Both governments privately admit they underestimated the stubbornness of loyalist opposition to the accord and are now preparing to "batten down the hatches" and continue governing through direct rule while implementing the deal with Dublin.

While failing to bring down the agreement, loyalist opposition has slowed down its implementation and there has been little visible change on the ground in the North.

Nine full meetings of the ministerial conference have produced little, although the Government is to give voting rights to 8,000 Irisb citizens in election to the Northern Ireland Assembly and there will be reforms to the Emergency Provisions Act although Britain has rejected Dublin's demand for an increase from one to three judges sitting in the Diplock courts.

In the republic legislation has yet to be introduced in the Dail ratifying Dublin's signing of the European Convention

The agreement's first year of operation has probably been of more importance for its psychological effect on both unionist and nationalist communities, as well as testing the resolve of the mainly protestant RUC, which has not cracked under assault from both sections of the commi

Obituary hoax hits at Shorts plant manager

Detectives have been called into the Short Brothers aircraft plant in east Belfast to investigate the placing of a boax death notice in a newspaper naming ooe of company's managers.

The death notice appeared after "loyalist" posters urging support for tomorrow's Anglo-Irish protest rally, to be led by the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist were removed from walls in the factory.

The Shorts management ordered the removal of the posters on Monday, in line with its recent crackdown on sectarianism on the shop fluor. Shorts is Ulster's biggest employer, with 7,000 workers, mostly Protestants.

On Wednesday night, a

single death notice namine production line manager the plant appeared in the

it was purportedly placed on behalf of "The management and fellow workers of the aircraft divisioo Short Brothers," who "regretted" the death of the manager and "tendered their deepest sym pathy to the family circle".

Detectives were first called into Shorts in August, when under the label of the Protestant Loyalist Council were involved in a campaign of hate against Roman Catholics working in the plant.

A report on that investiga tion is believed to be with the Director of Public Prosecutions in Belfast.

Sale room

Bacon painting in auction record

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Corre

Francis Bacoo has taken over from the late Henry Moore as Britain's most expensive living artist with the new auction price record of £644,827 set at Christie's in New York on Wednesday

The painting is titled "Seated Figure", dates from 1978 and is more than 6ft high. It is a memorial to Bacon's long-term companion George Dyer, who died in 1971. Dyer's head and shoul-ders are painted in the fore-ground; behind him a crouching figure with an umbrella elasps a lavatory pedestal. Dyer died oo the lavatory of a Paris botel room on the day that Bacon's 1971 retrospective opened at the Grand

The Bacon was one of a group of 10 important contemporary works sent for sale by Ted Ashley, an Ameri-can film producer. Christie's had been suggesting a price about \$650,000 to \$850,000 before the sale. The price in dollars was \$935,000. The buyer chose to remain anon-

Other notable Ashley works included Roy Lichtenstein's blown-up cartoon image of a green tank being blown up, entitled "Blang" which sold for \$792,000 (estimate \$600,000-\$800,000) or £546,206 to a Swiss dealer, and a small chalk drawing by Willem de Kooning, "Woman" of 1951-52, which made \$638,000 (estimate \$200,000-\$300,000) or £440,000. The sheet of paper measures 13m by 10.

All 10 Ashley pictures sold, totalling £3,038,275. Christie's mixed-property sale of contemporary art made another £2,891,862, with 26 per cent unsold and a new auction price record for Sam Francis \$825,000 (estimate \$650.000-\$850,000) or £568,965. Another seven

In London yesterday a sale of Japanese art attracted a crowded room and high prices at Sotheby's. There were three fine pieces by Zeshin, the greatest lacquer artist of the

records were set for lesser



Dreaming of the moon: Jonathon Richards. of Towyn, Abergele, Clwyd, winner of the under-eight category in the annual Post Office letter-writing competition. His entry was a letter to the American astronaut, Neil Armstrong, in which he asked whether he and Edwin Aldrin had argued about who was to step on the moon first and he also asked if he could join the next mission to the

Wallard, aged nine, of Woking, Surrey, who wrote to Merlin seeking the truth about his role in Avalon, and Eleanor Margolies, aged 15, of New Cross, south-east London, wrote to the musician, Barry Tuckwell, on the difficulties of being a girl horn player. The competition attracted 132,000 entries from children who had to write to somebody

famons (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Travel agents' conference

British hotels, typically taken over a long weekend, have increased by a fifth this year. There has also been a hig growth in other sectors of short-stay domestic tourism.

These are the initial find-ings of a study being made by Mr Victor Middleton, a consultant to the Wales Tourist Board, who is also a senior lecturer at Surrey University. The study is the first reliable breakdown of the short-stay market in Britain and was disclosed to the Association of British Travel Agents con-

Visits of one to three nights exceeded 30 million io 1985, with spending topping £800 million, Mr Middleton

Spending oo short breaks in hotels and similar commercial accommodation probably amounts to as much as £9 million a year, he said.

This sector has at least trebled in size since 1980 and Mr Middletoo expects substantial growth to cootinoe, fuelled by the high level of promotional spending by hotel groups and holiday

So far the growth of this part of the short-break market has paralleled that of foreign package holidays, which has also grown by about a fifth this

Short-stay Australia package breaks up by a fifth holidays proposed From Derek Harris, Brisbane

ons are up 20 per cent this actumn and two leading Brit-ish air carriers are exploring the possibility of launching charter flights as a basis for new package tours.

The Association of British Travel Agents was told on the last day of its conference that both the International Leisure Group (ILG), which includes Intasun, and Calair, the charter subsidiary of British Caledonian, are considering

Charter flights would be breaking oew ground in Australia Three airports — Cairns, Townsville and Darwin - are technically available for such flights, but no carrier has yet used them.

Mr Sidney Perez, deputy chairman of ILG, believes an Australian package holiday could be offered for less than £1.000. He thought the flight would be about £500.

Mr Perez said: "We are looking at the possibilities. First it means finding an airline equipped for long-haul

Bot scheduled airlines such as Qantas argue that charters are inappropriate to the Australian market, because most travellers visit the country as part of a Far East tour

They also point out that with 17 airlines competing on the UK-Australia route there is already ample capacity. Moreover, discount fares can

be had for as little as £600 which would leave charter companies with little or no margin to make the route pay. Britain could sooo join the United States and Japan as one of Australia's higgest tourism growth markets, according to Mr John Haddad, chairman of the Australian

Visa applications for the third quarter indicate an increased British visitor flow of 20 per cent and Mr Haddad is confident that 1988 — Australia's bicentennial year—would see 225,000 British visitors.

The longer-term aim is to boist the British and Irish visitor totals to 600,000 by the turn of the century.

• Four-day holidays in Cal-ifornia for £299 are to be offered by Kuoni, Britain's biggest long-haul specialist.

It is one of a oumber of bargain packages for those prepared to travel at comparatively short ootice, because brochures will oot be oo travel agents' shelves until six weeks before the first departure date.

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Army and RAF to get £1bn updated air defence system

and supply dumps.

Development of the new system began three years ago at the BAe Army Weapons

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It will he armed with two new missiles, one versioo

flying, remotely piloted ve-

It will also have the capacity

to fire and guide simulta-neously two missiles against

announced an order worth fi billing to equip the Army and the RAF with the next genera-tion of the highly successful Rapier air defence system. It has been placed with the Weapons Division of

British Aerospace at Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

The first systems, to equip two Army batteries and three RAF squadrons in West Germany will be delined to the squadrons of the s many, will be delivered in the

The order will secure employment for 10,000 workers and Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, managing director of BAe, said that the system will generate substantial export

Twelve countries have already bought the existing through the programme.

Rapier.
It is expected that future export sales will account for at carrying an armour-piercing warhead, the other a frag-mentatioo warhead useful against likely future targets such as cruise missiles and low least half of the projected £3 billion productioo cycle.

Announcing the order Lord Trefgame, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, said that the original Rapier system, which entered service in 1974, could not be "stretched"

A new generation was required to meet the developing threat posed by high perfor-

mance, all-weather aircraft the first delivery consignment equipped with radically improved counter measures. the first delivery consignment of the new missiles, but the contract for later batches will proved counter measures.
The new Rapier 2000 is a go to competition. mnbile, three-part system

The existing range of Rapier has already attracted £1.5 billion of sales around the consisting of tracker and surveillance radars and a launch missile equipped with eight instead of the current six The United States is viewed

It will be the principal lowas potentially an important customer for the new system which incorporates lessons learnt from its deployment during the Falklaods British forces well into the twenty-first century.
Its role will be with forward troops on the battlefield as well as the defence of strategic targets such as airfields, radars Iran was nne country which

bought, but Lord Trefgame said that any request from Tehran for the new system would be judged under the Government's guidelines to supply no equipment either to Iran or Iraq which would enhance the capability of their forces or extend the Gulf war.

The contract has been placed on an incentive pricing arrangement covered by a maximum price for the com-plete package which means that BAe makes increased profits if it comes in below the gure but will lose financially

Delivery of the Rapier 2000 be completed by the mid-90s.

Tax fraud charities face new legal curbs

further action if necessary to curb charity tax frauds, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said yesterday. He told a Charities Aid

Fnundation ennference: Some less scrupulous people have begun to look towards using charitable status simply as a method of avoiding tax and lining their own pockets.
"This I regard as a particularly despicable form of white collar crime, not only because it is wrong per se but because of the destructive effect it has upon people's attitude to-wards charitable giving."

That was why the Govern-ment had introduced measures in this year's Finance Act to try to curb the abuses and would take more action if

Meanwhile, he said, there was room for more selfregulation and voluntary action. His own preference was for letting the charity and voluntary sector safeguard its independence by developing its own methods and conventions of self-regulation.

Exploitation of legal or administrative loopholes for short-term gains could seri-onsly harm the reputation of the charitable world in the longer term, Mr Hurd said.



Back bear, which went on display in Darley Street at the lannching of a drive to improve the image of the West Yorkshire city. The campaign, with the "warm and friendly" bear symbol, was inspired by the £1 million Glasgow's Miles

Plea to bring the jobless into union pay bargaining

predicted by the director of the Industrial Society yes-terday unless representatives of Britain's disaffected army nf unemployed were allowed to join managements and trade union leaders at the bargaining table.

Mr Alistair Graham said the unemplayed should be given the opportunity to try to channel company profits into job creatinn instead of workers" pay nuts.

The divide between the long-term unemployed and those secure in jnbs was growing wider every day and unless some hope of work was held out, decay and desperation would loom ever larger.

Addressing a meeting of industrialists and unioo leaders in York, Mr Graham said he had turned his back on being general secretary of the Civil and Public Servants Association to play his part in reducing some of the gaping divisions withio British

His message was bleak: unless employers, city ioves-tors, trade uninns and workers unite to close the widening gap in society Britain would never again rise as a successful and prosperous society.

A recently completed sur-

that employers forecast an alarming unemployment rate represents 16 per cent of the adult population.

What the country must not do however, Mr Graham said. was tn wring its hands with despair. Instead, it must decide what urgent measures arerequired to ensure that those sinister unemployment figures: are never reached.

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One workable method of increasing industrial efficiency and effectiveness was flexibility. Mr Graham spot-lighted James Huwden, a nnrth-west engineering firm which, with the help of the Industrial Society, persuaded workers to become mare flexible and as a result move from being nowhere in the market for wind turbine power to fourth product leader in the

The feature industry and commerce appeared to have the greatest difficulty in achieving was increased competitiveness, Mr Graham,

If we continue to pay our selves increases well above price levels and what is achieved io improved productivity, then further job losses were bound to result, he

Demand for MoD ethnic figures

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence is to be sent a second and final demand by a Commons select committee for details of how many blacks and Asians there

ministry's refusal last week to supply the information. A further refusal will lead to ministers being "invited" to appear before the defence committee for an embarrass-

ing and hostile public grilling. The committee, chaired by Sir Hompbrey Atkins, the former Cabinet minister, first covering no more than 10 units

Wednesday night it rejected the ministry's excuse that the ministry could do rather better if it tried harder. We still want

inquiry into ethnic minority recruitment and promotion prospects earlier this year after considerable media in-terest in the apparent absence of blacks and Asians from the better regiments, and the re-ported observation of the Prince of Wales that there were few black faces beneath the bearskins of the Gnards

the committee's request last week, the ministry amounced that it will introduce ethnic itoring of recruits to the

Support for family court plan

The report, produced by a working party set up jointly with the Association of Directors of Special Section 2015. iors of Social Services, is the latest expression of support for a unified family court system which will involve lay members such as magistrates.

The Lord Chancellor's Department is analysing responses to its own consulnative paper on various models for a family court.

But a common feature of

proposals from groups such as the Law Society and Family Courts Campaign, as well as a group of judges, magistrates and justices' clerks is for a model involving laymen.

There is opposition however from the Bar, where family lawyers say that magistrates are not equipped to deal with the complex issues

in family cases. Yesterday's report called for a unified court, combining all the family jurisdiction now split between the High Court, county courts and magistrates'

The bench, it says, should consist both of lay members

and judges.
"We see advantages in the combined wisdom and experience of lay members and judges each making their own entiributino to the decisionmaking process."

Training, the report says, is a priority; and a conciliation service and court-based welfare reporting officers are

"These services are so imporant ... that they should be provided in a consistent and planned way."

Welcoming the report, Mrs Renee Short, chairman of the Communs select committee un social services, said that the committee had been anxious tn see progress made on family courts to improve the system for children.

"The family court has been hanging fire long enough," she

-1 hope the Government will now take urgent actinn and will make use of the carefully considered recommendations in this report."

Family justice: A Structure for the Family Court (British Agen-cies for Adoption and Fostering, 11 Southwark Street, London SEI IRQ; £6.95).

Reform of hearings sought

A unified family court involving both judges and lay members woo further backing yesterday with a report from the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

The report, produced by a

Most of the public are "totally unaware of, and equally indifferent to" full committal proceedings; and the agitation for retaining them comes from some law-yers "who cannot be regarded as wholly disinterested in the

matter", it says. The abolition of full committals would lead to "massive reductions in the delay in bringing cases to trial, in the demands on prison space and prison officers' time, and in public expense, especially to the legal aid fund," the society

We consider that no single reform would achieve a greater reduction in the prison population without distorting the sentencing of convicted persons or involving executive intervention in the decisions of the courts."

The society's paper repre-sents a complete reversal of its stance on committal proceedings, adopted earlier this year in a joint paper with the Bar.

That paper argued that the right to give oral evidence should be retained

The paper now says there should be a right, after committal, to apply for the quashing of the proceedings against the accused if no prima facie case can be shown.

After the Criminal Justice
Act, 1967, old-style committals were almost entirely replaced by the shorter proceedings where oral evidence is oot given.

But in recent years the practice of calling witnesses has increased. Home Office figures for October 1985 show in the week under review there were 214 "full " as against 1,480 "paper" committals.

That 13 per cent of the total is not spread evenly over the country, some courts, includ-ing some of the busiest, find "full" committals account for a much higher percentage. Such proceedings are time-consuming. In October 1985

23 per cent were completed within 56 days of first fisting, compared with 57 per cent of "paper" committals, 56 per cent were still not complete after 84 days against 21 per

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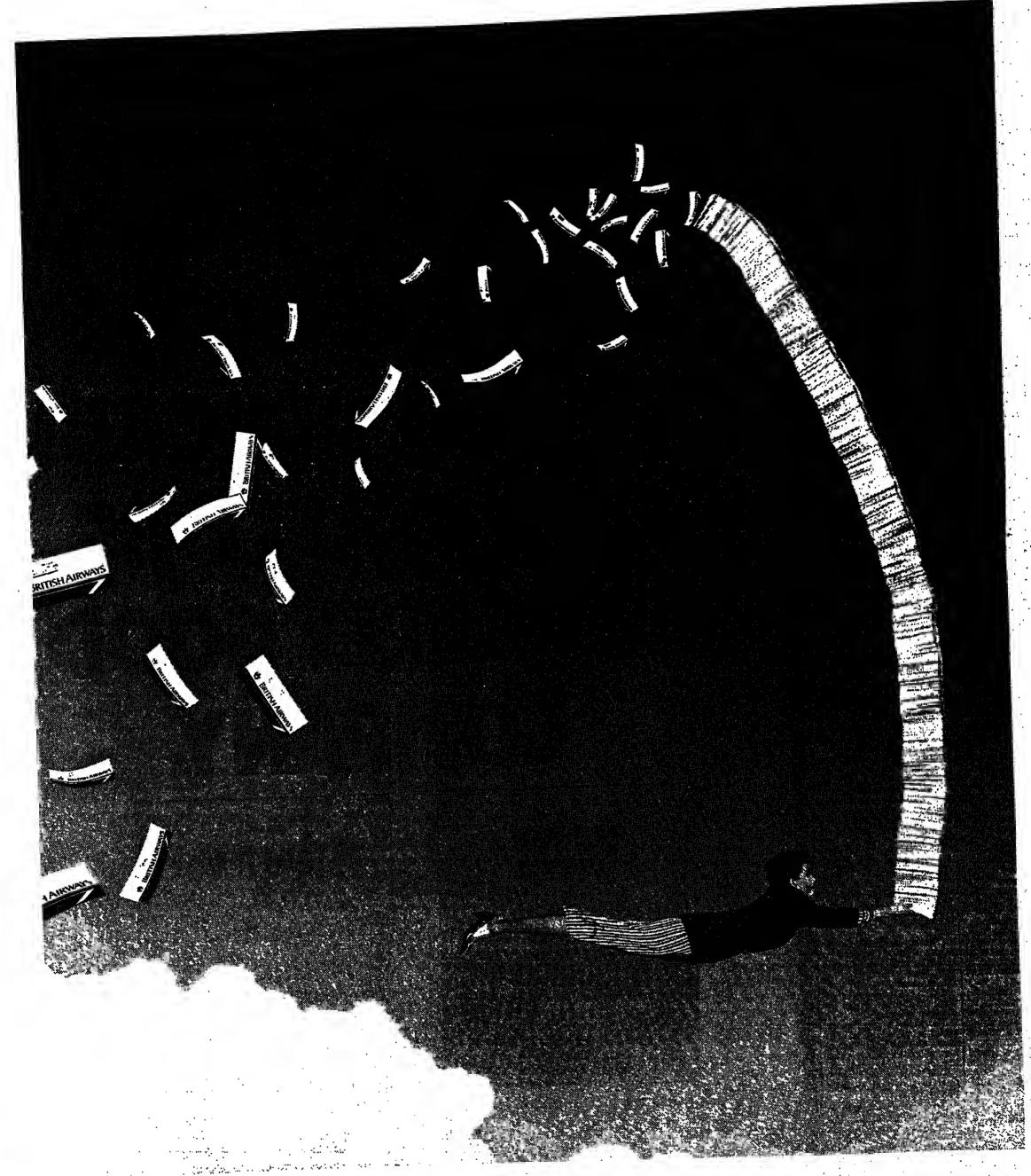
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Defiance of captured Arab sailors

Union alleges Danish ships taking arms and military parts to Iran

The Danish Seamens' Union claims to have firm evidence that vessels registered in Denmark have carried thousands of tons of arms and military spare parts to Iran since the Gulf war with Iraq began in 1980.

According to Mr Henrik Berlau, Secretary of the Danish Seamen's Union, about 30 Danish ships have been involved in transporting wea-pons to Iran on some 60 voyages during the past six

An American cargo plane

made a secret flight to Tehran

last July with spare parts for the Iranian Air Force listed as

hospital equipment and medi-

cal supplies, a member of the

Anti-Khomeini Mujahedin

Resistance Movement said

here yesterday. Mr Alaeddin Touran said

the registrations of the TWA Boeing 707 had heen N 345 FA, and he gave the

name of the American pilot as

Richard Alen. There were two

British co-pilots. The plane

landed at Tehran airport on July 4 amid great secrecy ordered by the Iranian Prime

Mr Touran said it was believed the aircraft's 23-ton

cargo included sophisticated

electronic equipment for

airforce weapons sytems.

Minister's office.

spares to Tehran'

From John England, Bonn

Mr Mir-Hossein Mousavi, the Iranian Prime Minister, said the US remained the "Great Satan" to Iran, despite reports of a secret hostages-for-weap-ons deal between Tehran and Washington (Reuter reports from Tebran).

The arms were shipped from Mediterranean ports in countries which include Israel, Italy, Greece, Spain and "Thousands of tons of arms

The aircraft's original flight

plan would have taken it from

the Chilean capital of Santiago

to Tehran via the south Ira-nian port of Bandar-Abbas, bot senior officials feared a

security leak and ordered it to

fly direct to Tehran. This

meant flying via Yugoslavia. Mr Touran said his organ-ization had telex messages

from the logistics department

of the Iranian Defence Min-

istry to the Department for International Affairs of the Iranian state airline saying the

flight of the firm, Espanko, would take place on June 28

and later confirming a new

Mr Touran was unable to produce the original telex

After unloading its cargo the

TWA plane flew to Madrid.

flight plan for July 3.

have been freighted by Danish vessels to Iran," Mr Berlau US plane 'took airforce

The ship left Eilat on October 22 and docked in Iran on October 30.

The unioo last week halted a Danish vessel in the Mediterranean because it feared for the lives of Danish seamen. The vessel was bound for Iran with a shipment of arms it took on in Italy, prompting the Italian Government to call for an investigation. The ship was diverted to Piraeus after the union was tipped off that Iraq knew of its cargo, Mr Ber-

figures as to the exact number of Danish ships involved in arms shipments to Iran, nor of the types of weapons being freighted, although unofficial sources speculate that many of the consignments include spare parts for American-built fighter aircraft in the Iranian Air Force, as well as arms from other countries.

our union claim in have seen American weapons in the shipments, we have no direct evidence of any link between these consignments and a possible US deal for the release of American hostages held in the Lebanon - we are pretty sure though that there is a

Mr Berlau said arms traffic to Iran has intensified during the past eight months. One of the latest known arms voyages by a Danish ship involved the Morsoe, which carried 460 tons of military equipment from the Israeli Red Sea port of Eilat to Bandar Abbas in Iran late in October.

the 'Lady Di' image Young Japanese ladies will be putting on Lady Di bras, girdles and bodysuits next spring. And the company that plans to market them is blithely ignorant of the offence such exploitation of the name The union says it has no of a fature Queen may cause at

> "We wanted something practical yet romantic and elegant. They're not lacy, said the young lady responsible for the line at Triumph International. "We're not deliberately using Princess Diana. We're not really pushing her. We were looking for a

Japanese lingerie gets | Canada renews cultural links with Russians

parent, is not unusual among

Japan-based firms in imagin-

ing that any Western name in the public domain may be used

freely without concerns about

copyright, double entendre or

offence. But were the name of a

member of the Japanese royal

family to be used in the same

way, no doubt they would be

horror-struck.

Victory signs from Arab survivors of a suspected Palestinian guerrilla ship sunk last year by Israeli gunboats as they were

being taken to a military court in Lod, Israel, yesterday. Four of the eight survivors were charged with attempting to attack the Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv. The others faced lesser charges. Twenty suspected guerrillas died when the ship sank.

Canada is renewing a series tions is that they do not always 'lady' name for our product." of scientific and cultural ex-changes with the Soviet Union The underwear lines consist nf three bras, three girdles and the bodysuit all in "cameo beige", with the bras in "angel blue" or "primrose pink". Triumph, 2 wholly-owned subsidiary of the German which were suspended after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan seven years ago. The Minister for External Affairs, Mr Joe Clark, said, in

announcing the decision, that the Government believed peopie-to-people exchanges could promote international understanding and help ease East-West tensions. He also noted that the

measures invoked against Moscow over Afghanistan did not work, "One of the unhappy realities about sanc-

have the results that you seek," Mr Clark told reporters. "I think that clearly the cutting off of relations with the Soviet Union did not have the effect that we sought . . . "It now makes more sense

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for us to put ourselves into a position where we might be able to influence their behaviour by our contacts with Limited economic sanc-

tions which Canada also im-Union, including an embargo on wheat shipments, were lifted several years ago.



Geoffrey Smith

Mrs Thatcher will be talking at Camp David tomorrow to a President who has already been wounded in his conduct of foreign policy and who may

The story of Iran and the ostages has, I have found, Americans of every political hue in different parts of the country. It has caused them move embarrassment than any other foreign policy issue since those other hos-tages were released from Teh-ran as President Reagan came

to power nearly six years ago. The reaction has been very different from the response to Reykjavik. After the summit the Reagan Administration ted an extraordinary the American people that a near-disaster had been a great success and the negotiators were on the threshold of breathtaking achievements.

My impression is that this version of events is now wear-ing rather thin with American opinion-formers, especially af-ter the failure of the Shultz-Shevardnadze talks in Vienna last week. For the moment however, the American public remains uncritical of the President in his attempt to negotiate with the Soviet

Union.
But the reported dealings with Iran cut across so much that the Administration has been saying to allies and to its own countrymen.

Reagan no longer above reproach

I have yet to come across anyone in the United States who is prepared to justify the operation. The best that is said is that with his incredible political skill Mr Reagan may once again be able to justify it

There has been, then, some immediate damage. The President is no longer above popu-lar reproach for his handling of foreign policy. But will this be more than a passing embar-

Everything depends, I sus-ect, on what the issue finally becomes for public opinion. If it becomes a question of how best to find a way through the labyrinth of Middle Eastern politics the damage should be contained.

It will all become too complex for outrage to be sus-tained. The Administration will be judged to have messed it up in this instance, but the President would probably be forgiven for trying to safe-guard American lives his way.

It will be a different matter, though, if the principal issue becomes the White House's honesty and candour. If the Administration appears to be unreasonably withholding explanations, or offering seri-nusly conflicting explanations, then it could seem to be on the run. That is an impression that could be all the more easily conveyed as this embarrass ment follows so soon after the political rebuff of the mid-term

Unless there are further revelations the present furore may well die down for a bit in a few weeks. The attention span of the American public is lim-ited, even in its bouts of indignation, unless there is constant refuelling.

Congress will be critical test

The critical test will come when the new Congress convenes in January. At that stage it will become of great significance that the Democrats now control the Senate. They will be able to determine the agenda of committees in both houses and therefore what inveatigations are

The Democrats will be all the more eager to create diffi-culties for the Administration because they may find it hard to unite on a positive programme in other areas. Already there is talk of special congressional hearings and congressional nearings and already the President's spokesman. Mr Larry Speakes, has been mentioning the possibility that the White the possibility that the write House might invoke executive privilege to refuse to answer

certain questions.
As President Nixon sought refuge in executive privilege during Watergate, to take that course would risk raising ses-picion of dark secrets to hide a suspicion that could be more a suspection that could be indeed damaging than the reality. At that point the issue would be broadened beyond a single episode to more general dispute over the control of foreign pol-

To prevent this happening.
to draw a line under this sorry business, will be one of the most searching tests of his political skill that Mr Reagan has

OAS told of growing instability

From Martha Honey Guatemala City

Señor Bernado Sepúlveda mor, the Mexican Foreign Minister, has warned that Latin America and the Caribbean are facing a grave eco-nomic and political crisis.

Señor Sepúlveda, in his speech on Wednesday to the general assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), outlined the deteriorating economy of the region and warned that the political crisis in Central America could spill over and destabilize the entire con-

He also said the dispute between Britain and Argentina over fishing rights around the Falkland Islands had "aggravated tensions in the South Atlantic".

The Mexican minister ac cused Britain of adopting "unilateral methods that modify the status quo (thereby) making negotiations diffi-

He reiterated his country's support for Argentina's claim to sovereignty over the Falk-land Islands and its surround-

ing waters. Señor Sepúlveda began his speech by listing indicators of the economic crisis facing Latin America and the Carib cean. He said that, during the 1980s, 130 million people - or 35 per cent of the continent's population - would be living in poverty and would not be able to "satisfy their nu-

tritional needs". The region's standard of living in 1986, he said, was almost the same as it was in

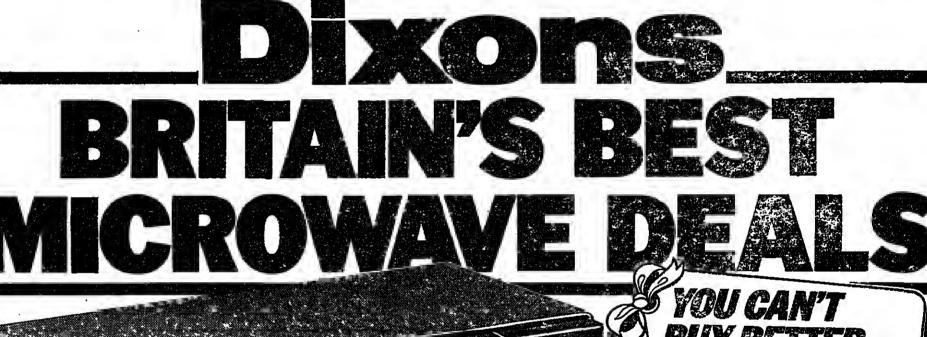
Further, he said Latin American exports had de-clined by 6.5 per cent last year and the price of principal export products for the region



Señor Sepúlveda: Falklands dispute aggravated tensions continued to fall. He said the current terms of trade for Latin America was 52.8 per cent lower than it was in 1970. In particular, he mentioned that the "... petroleum crisis has had a disastrous effect on the economies of oil-exporting countries in the region". Mexico's export earnings, for example, had declined by one-

Senor Sepúlveda said developing countries could not overcome this economic crisis until industrialized nations and international financial institutions "dismantle the protective barriers ... eliminate discriminating practices and quota systems" and renegotiate payments of external debts.

third this year.





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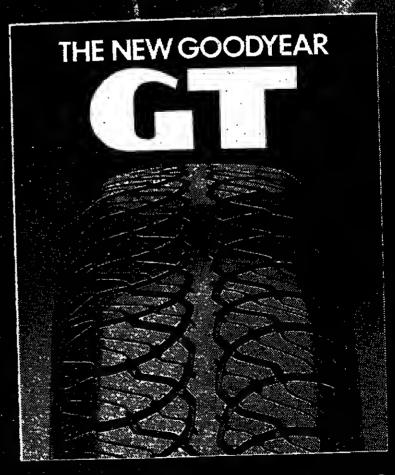


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Quotas,

surpluses

face twin

assault From Richard Owen. Strasbourg

As the European Commis-sion in Brussels yesterday announced proposed cuts in dairy quotas in a bid to pul pressure on next week's key

meetings of farm and finance

ministers, the European Par-liament passed its own pack-

including dairy quota cuts and

Both moves were described

hy officials as a new and deliberate push to force mem-

ber states to confront the need

for reform of the common agricultural policy. The com-bined pressure of the Par-

liament and the Commission is designed to force the Council of Ministers when it meets

next week under British chairmanship to face up to the

need for what EEC officials

call "measures unpalatable to European farmers" to reduce the growing food surpluses

Yesterday the Parliament voted for a 5 percent cut in dairy quotas by 301 votes to

41, an unusual display of unity

and adopted, on a show of

hands, a proposal to spend £1.5 billion on disposal of

The Parliament also voted

food stocks.

surpluses.

WORLD SUMMARY

UK presses Israel on nuclear 'spy'

Jerusalem — Britain is increasing diplomatic pressure on Israel to find out exactly how Mr Mordechai Vanumu, the Sunday Times suclear informant, disappeared from London and ended up in an Israeli jail (Ian Murray writes). Only two days after first seeking clarification on precisely how Mr Vanumu left British soil, Mr William Squire, the ambassador to Israel, has made a second call to that country's Foreign Ministry emphasizing the argency of a quick and complete answer.

Faced with stonewalling by the ministry, Mr Squire had tried a back-door approach, contacting on Foreign Office instructions Mr Aumon Zichroni, the prominent left-wing lawyer defending Mr Vanumu. He was told, however, that the lawyer could say nothing. Such a request, Mr Zichroni said later, was not proper.

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As one of the few lawyers given clearance to deal with security cases, Mr Zichroni has signed a declaration not to give any information. If he were to reveal anything, even to an ambassador, he would loose his livelihood.

Bishops bow to Pope

WAshington — After two days of closed and heated discussion, Roman Catholic bishops have decided not to press the Vatican to reinstate fully the dissident Archbishop of Seattle, who has been stripped of most of his authority. However, they offered him moral support and "embraced him as a brother" (Michael Binyon writes). The Vatican has expressed satisfaction with the outcome, and said the road had now been opened for efforts to heal the rift between American Catholics and the Holy See, probably including a meeting between the Pope and representatives of the US hierarchy.

The 293 Catholic bishops, meeting here for their annual conference, had been asked by Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen for support in his dispute with Rome. In an emotional appeal, he said he was not a dissident but a loyalist.

Seoul dam Nuclear challenge protest

Seoul (AP) — About 100,000 people attended a raily in Seoul to protest against a hydro-electric dam that North Korea is building on a river that runs through Seonl. South Korea claims vast areas of Seoul could be flooded if large amounts of water were released deliberately

or accidentally. Slogans at the rally also called for the eradication of mmunist sympathisers in the South. The Government is currently cracking down on "leftist" in-fluences among students and dissidents.

Vienna - An Austrian farmer took the Czechoslovak Government to court for endangering his crops by building a ouclear power station less than 60 miles from his farm (Richard Bassett writes).

The farmer's lawyer told the towo court at Gansendorf near the bor-der that if Prague ignored the court's decision the Austrian Government was empowered to freeze Czechoslovak assets in Austrian banks and seize ing under the Czechoslovak

Boat toll put at 130

Port-au-Prince (Reuter) - A Haitian coastal ferry was rort-au-rince (kenter) — A Hantan coastal terry was carrying 150 people wheo it capsized three days ago but only 21 bodies have so far been found, Haiti's Ministry of Information said in a communique. It said military helicopters were continuing the search for bodies.

Earlier reports, quoting a survivor, said as many as 200 may have died when the ferry Okelele sank, apparently

without warning, during a 44-mile return trip to La Gonave, an island of 20,000 people, from the coastal town of Montrouis. The Mayor of La Gonave told national radio that

Mr Cestdien Siac, who watched people board the Okelele, said the passengers included many children. It was loaded with large amounts of rice, bananas, corn and suitcases



Guerrilla

Western Nations and China yesterday in London to come to his aid before Victnamese troops launch an offensive on his forces in the coming weeks (Nicho-las Beeston writes). Mr Son Sann said that

his 15,000 men army was bracing itself for an aerial anti-aircraft and

Sharansky attacks PLO for trickery

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Natan Sharansky spent more than £2,000 yesterday to place advertisements in the Israeli press vehemently deoy-ing a newspaper story that he had a secret meeting with members of the Palestine Liberation Organization and offered his support.

The meeting did take place, hut Mr Sharansky said yes-terday that it had been "a setup joh" designed to try to trick him into saying something to support the PLO. The news-paper report, in Maariv, sug-gested Mr Sharansky was con-sidering backing a PLO campaign to stop the deportation of Mr Amram Haniye, editor of an east Jerusalem paper.

The prominent PLO sup-

porter he met was Mr Faisal Husseini, head of a Palestin-ian research unit and son of the famous commander of the Arab irregular forces who fought against Israel in Jerusalem. Mr Husseini said he went to see Mr Sharansky be-cause he was "a symbol of the human struggle against op-pression" and "a fellow free-

don fighter".

He said Mr Sharansky told him he opposed the PLO because it supported the use of violence. According to Mr Husseini, Mr Sharansky agreed to discuss the case of the editor and had been surprised to learn that people from the occupied territories could he muished without trial. punished without trial.

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Yesterday Mr Sharansky's spokesman said he agreed to the meeting "because he does not feel equipped to talk about these issues and wants to learn." He did not want to be accused of not seeing people

Reports of the meeting infu-riated right-wing Israeli politi-cians. One Knesset member. Rabbi Haim Druckman, call



Sharansky: spent £2,000

of Israel and an encourage ment to loathsome terrorists" Mr Sharansky then took out the newspaper advertisement to clarify his view that the PLO is "a criminal terror organization ... both the purpose and the barbarous methods of this organization

of cutthroats violate every hu-man standard," he said. "I have full confidence that the Government and security forces of Israel are waging an unrelenting battle for our protection against the scurge of the PLO. The pursuit of this

violation of human rights. Mr Husseini, who saw the statement read out on tele-vision, said: "It is sad to see such a great man turned so

Russians sure they will soon have counter to Star Wars

yesterday of methods being studied by a group of leading Soviet scientists to counter the US Star Wars programme, including the deployment of decoy missiles, space mines, land-based lasers and "space shrapnel".

The official weekly Moscow News said the group of specialists was now coovinced that the combination of active and passive counter-measures would "virtually offset the danger of military-strategic parity being upset by the deployment of SDI".

The paper published a list of "active" measures being stud-ied, saying they involved ways of neutralizing and hitting a large anti-ballistic missile system. Two such measures were the deployment of small mis-siles whose principle target would be space-based antimissile stations, and the deployment of space mines close to the stations which could then be exploded by remote-control from earth.

The paper also said that the group - known as the Committee of Soviet Scientists in Defence of Peace and Against the Nuclear Threat - was studying landbased high-capacity lasers intended to suppress space-based stations and "space shrapnel", a cloud of small objects moving at high speed in the orbit of anti-missile

Moscow News claimed that this tactic would be highly effective because even a loz

Details were published here particle of cloud moving at a could penetrate a six-inch-thick steel screen around the SDI station

The "passive" responses to SDI were said to involve methods of strengthening Soviet inter-continental hallistic missiles and of hampering the targeting of an anti-missile system such as that envisaged by Washington.

The paper reported that they included reducing the flight time of inter-continental hallistic missiles, making them more difficult to track, and reinforcing them with a reflective coating thus chang-ing the configuration and density of the flame of their engines in order to deter laser

The Soviet team is said to be investigating the development of a missile able to rotate on its own longitudinal axis, making it difficult for a laser beam to lock onto its target, the electronic jamming of the sensors of anti-missile systems and the deployment of decoy warheads.

Explaining the value of such fake missiles, the article said: "In the event of a massive strike, the number of warheads and sham targets accompanying them may reach several tens of thousands. Such being the case, the detection system will be hopelessly mixed up and most warheads, which can be manoeuvrable and highspeed, will reach their tar-



helmet as he emerges into daylight after a visit to a mine at Haltern vesterday.

Kohl accused of lying over gaffe

From John England, Bonn

The Social Democratic parties in Bonn yesterday accused Chancellor Kohl of lying to Parliament over his gaffe in comparing Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, with Dr Josef Goebbels, the Nazi Propaganda Minister, as both being "good

In their second attack on eight days, the Opposition said he had not told the truth in his statement to Parliament on November 6 that he had been misqnoted by the American news magazine Newsweek.
Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel,
the SPD floor leader, said the

son "in the same hreath". Herr Kohl was not in Parliament during the brief but passionate early-morning detape recording of the

funds for the distribution of surplus butter and beef to the needy within the EEC rather than sales to non-EEC states • BRUSSELS: The Com-

could eliminate surplus dairy magazine, showed that Herr Kohl had made the and beef production, are certain to arouse the fury of 12 Gorbachov-Goehbels comparimillion farmers. But they could hring in savings of more than ECU 1.3 hillion by 1989. the the Agriculture Commis-sioner. Mr Frans Andriessen bate. He was on his way to said y visit a coal mine in the Rnhr. reports). said yesterday (Reuter

Newsweek interview with him, (SPD) and Greens opposition Herr Kohl in the Bandestag in which was released by the

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Poison catastrophe has lesson for every nation

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Rhine pollution is re- search laboratory at Burngarded by Mr William Walde- ham-on-Crouch. grave, the Minister for the Environment, as a European disaster with implications for every country, oot just to those through which the river flows.

As the president of the European environment min- Norway. isters' group, Mr Waldegrave has offered his West Germao counterpart, Herr Walter Wallmann, the opportunity to raise the issues of com-pensation, pollution, early warning and safeguards arising from the Rhioe disaster. when the ministers meet io Brussels on November 23 to plao action over a number of pollution problems.

Swiss authorities criticized over delays in alerting other countries 9

Herr Wallmaoo has been the most outspokeo critic of the Swiss authorities for delay in alertiog the other Rhine countries of the discharges into the river on November 1 and over the general approach of the Swiss to environmental protection and safety stan-

An estimated half a millioo fish were killed as 30 tons of agricultural chemicals, maioly pesticide compounds and includiog a mercury-based formulation, swept from Basle, in Switzerland, through Germany and The Netherlands into the North Sea. A secood smaller wave of pollution was discharged last Monday, 10 days after the first release.

The dispersal of the waste is being monitored for the British Government by vessels from the Ministry of Agriculture food and fisheries re-



Mr Waldegave: ministers to discuss implications

There is believed to be no threat to British coastal waters or North Sea fisheries, because currents from the estuary of the Rhice at the Hook of Holland sweep conthwards to

Many of the pesticides based on organo-phosphorous compounds will break up very rapidly. The organo-phosphorous compounds became a preferred type for that reason because of long-term destruc-tion to wildlife by earlier organo-chlorine versions, in-cluding materials like DDT.

The Dutch, however, are concerned about the indestructible deposits of mercury which are expected to accumulate in silt along the coast. The conditions are reminiscent of the pollution incident which revealed the extremely poisonous quality of mercury cootamination 25 years ago.

The source of that mercury poison was in waste effluent discharged form a chemical works into Minamata Bay. The mercury spread from fish to fishermeo and their families and scores of people suffered an agonizing and slow

The disaster occurred because the mercury was transformed after it was discharged ioto a form that was viciously toxic to people but oot to shellfish and other fish.

The Rhine catastrophe began when firemen flushed the chemicals into the river while fighting a blaze at the Sandoz chemical works. The building, known as 956, was a storehouse for pesticides and other waste materials.

The discharge has undooe 10 years of effort to clean up the Rhine. It followed a campaign started by the Dutch. The river had become so grossly polluted by iodustrial expansioo io France, Germany, and Switzerland that by the time the water reached. The Netherlands it could oot be cleaned satisfactorily by even the most advanced water treatment plant.

An internal report prepared for the West German Chemicals Iodustry Associatioo shows the building had none of the equipment such as vessels to catch leaking chemi-



Lockgates on the Rhine (left) have been opened by the Dutch authorities to let polluted water flow into the North Sea to avoid contamination of the country's inland waterway system. In West Germany, tons of dead eels killed by the polluted water are being removed from the river.

tection systems that would be necessary for such a building uoder the European Com-munity protectioo standards.

The West German Government has published a timetahle of events which it says reveals a remarkable indifference by the Swiss authorities. particularly as the countries which line the banks of the Rhine had a pollution alert

At 3 am on November 1 environment officials in Basie told West German water officials at the Rhine pollutioo emergency ceotre io Mann-heim about the fire, hut they saw no reasoo to operate the international Rhine warning

Seven hours later the Swiss Embassy in Bonn informed the West Germans of the incident, but still said there was oo cause for alarm.

At the request of the West German Department for the Environment, officials in Mannheim tried to obtain details of the discharge from cals, automatic sprioklers, Basic, without a reply. With-automatic smoke and fire de-out waiting further, the West

Germans operated the Rhine At 9.30 pm officials in Basie told the Mannheim centre the pollution was worse than they

It was November 2 before the official procedure, in the form of an alarm telex, was sent by the Swiss authorities.

Netherlands diverted chemical flow to quickest route to the North Sea 9

At a meeting of the loternational Rhine Commissioo in Colmar. France on Nov-ember 3, the Swiss delegates were still unable to say what materials had gooe down the

On November 4 a list of the conteots of building 956 was telexed to Bonn. On November 7 the Swiss set a secood alert after a query

from water authorities from Baden-Württemberg, who had detected a second pulse of pol-

By this time Dutch water engineers were working ag-

ainst the clock to divert a tide of pollution sweeping down the Rhine to prevent it spreading into rivers and canals when it reached The Netherlands on Sunday, November

They used locks on Holland's water network to create a channel to funuel the waste along the swiftest route to the North Sea, preventing it spreading inland.

Mr Arnold Braun, chief engineer to the Dutch provioce of Gelderland, which borders West Germany, said the main aim was to direct the pollutioo as quickly as possihle to the North Sea to prevent it reaching the Ijsselmeer and vital reservoirs

He estimated it would take four to five days, even through the fastest route, to pass into the sea. Water authorities were told to stop drawing sup-plies from the Rhine on Sunday and farmers were advised to move livestock from its

The cootamination from the first wave of pollution was gradually dispersing into the Rhine estuary yesterday.

Bonn's reaction to disaster 'too slow'

From John England, Bonn

The Rhine pollution row swamped into the Boun Parliament yesterday when the opposition parties charged Herr Walter Wallmann, the West German Minister for the ament, with not reacting quickly enough to the

Herr Klaus Matthiesen, a Social Democrat, and Herr Social Democrat, and Herr Wallmann's counterpart in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, said Boun had been late in sending his state an evaluation of the poisonousness of the chemicals that had been washed into the river.

Describing the pollution as an environmental catastrophe, Herr Matthiesen called for improvements in national and international Rhine alarm systems and an overhand of the laws on the manufacture and

storage of cher Herr Harald Schafer, the

spokesman of the Social Democrats (SPD) on the environment, argued that all improvements in safety at

firms working with dangerous substances would not, in the

end, be sufficient. Herr Wallmann, making a government statement on the sequences of the Rhine pollution, rejected the opposition attack and pointed out that West Germany had put the internation Rhine alarm plan into action within a few hours of the fire at the Sandoz plant in Basle.

Reporting on his meeting in Zurich on Wednesday with the environment ministers of other countries along the Rhine, Herr Wallmann said Switzerland was prepared to deal in a spirit of good will with the questions of compensation and restoration of the Rhine to its former ecological condition.

EEC to toughen rules on waste

From Richard Owen Strasbourg

The European Community is to take urgent steps to tighten regulations on toxic chemical discharges after the disaster on the Rhine io Switzerland two weeks ago, Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the EEC Environment Commissioner, announced yesterday. Mr Clintoo Davis addressed the European Par-

liament on the disaster, which was caused by a discharge of chemicals from the Sandoz plant near Baske ioto the

He said EEC environment ministers would meet to consider joint action in 10 days time, and this would be followed by a high-level meeting in Rotterdam oo December 19, to be attended by ministers from Switzerland - which is oot an EEC state - and the EEC states most directly affected by the pollutioo, including West Germany. France and The Netherlands.

The Swiss Government has The Swiss Government has agreed to pay compensation for damage caused by the Sandoz chemical plant discharge into the Rhine. Mr Clinton Davis said. Sandoz executives had been "very contrile", but it was not enough to be sorry.

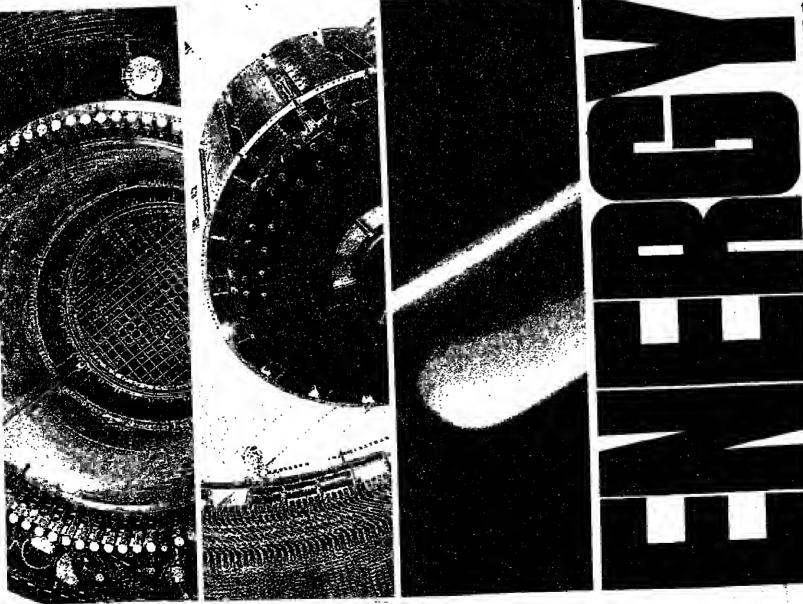
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He said the EEC had adopted harmonized legislatioo oo the handling of toxic disaster in Italy four years ago, but only four member states -Britain, West Germany, Denmark and France - had complied. The Commission would take legal actioo against the other eight to force them to observe the Seveso directive.

Mr Clinton Davis said. He also said the Commission would be mooitoring the Rhine to ensure that chemical companies did not take advantage of the Swiss incident to discharge toxic materials into the river in the hope that additional pollutioo would oot be noticed.

Mr Clintoo Davis called for a new "alarm system" to inform EEC states of enviroomental hazards, saying the present system had proved "grotesquely inadequate" in the Basic incident.

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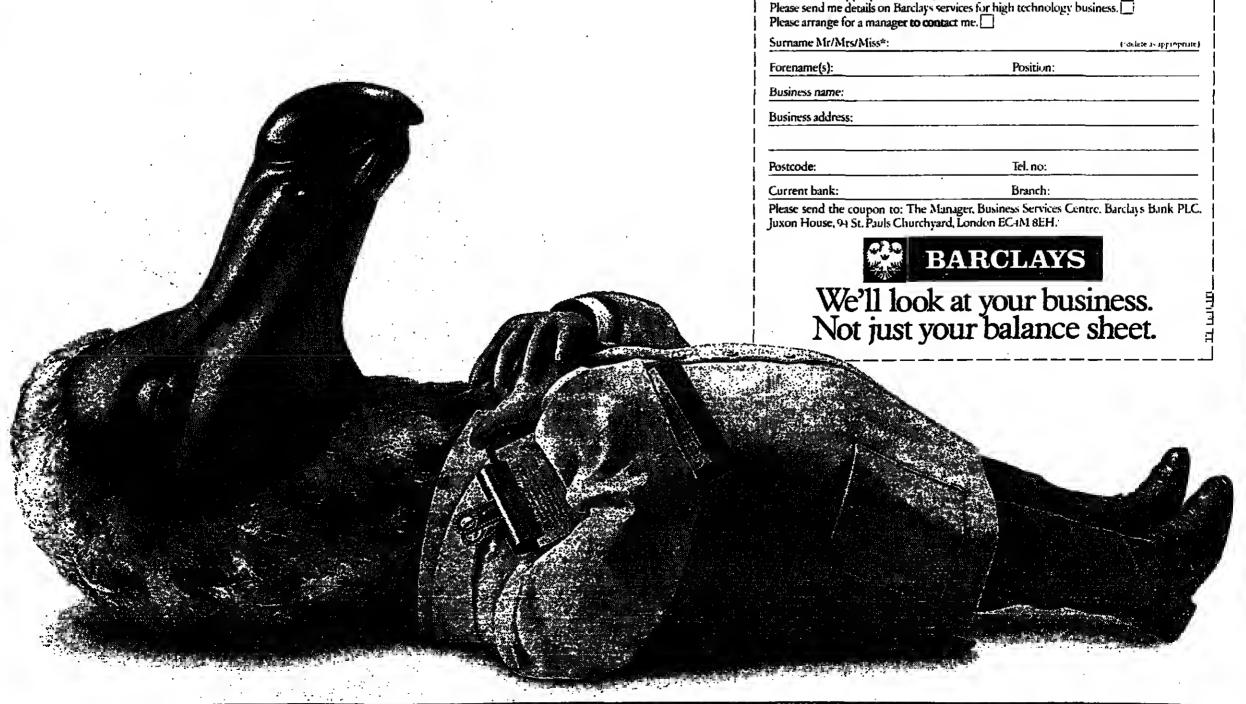
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Apartheid crumbles in South Africa

Whites turn blind eye as other races move into segregated areas

populated districts in central Johannesburg, legally reserved for white residents, are Coloureds (mixed-race), Indians or black Africans, it was revealed here yesterday.

This is the intriguing finding of an investigation by two researchers at the Rand Afrikaans University here into the theory and practice of the Group Areas Act, the law which provides for com-pulsory racial separation of

It shows strikingly how the Act, one of the remaining pillars of the apartheid system, is being openly violated in several of South Africa's hig-ger cities, with what would appear to be at least the passive acquiescence of the authorities.

The two researchers estimate that in the Hillbrow, Berea and Joubert Park districts of Johannesburg some 65,000 whites are living along-side 9,000 Coloureds. 6,000 Indians and 5,000 hlack

In another officially whitesonly district. Mayfair, which despite its name is among the poorest areas in the city, 6,320 white residents have been overtaken hy 5,600 Indians and 1,000 Coloureds and blacks, whose numbers are growing steadily.

Hillbrow, a square mile or so of restaurants, nightclubs, bars, sleazy hotels and shabby high-rise blocks of flats, has always had a faintly Bohemiao reputation, and is about the nearest Johanneshurg and Calvinist South Africa can offer to a Soho or a Greenwich Here prostitutes of all they would be very few in of colour.

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

The Hawke Government's

iosistence oo introducing an Australian identity card could

Card, which the Government

says would save about \$Aus 1

billioo (£450 million) a year io

evaded taxes, has come to a

head with the confirmation by

the Liberal and National par-

ties of their opposition, on the

ground that it will interfere with individual privacy.

the balance in the Senate and

usually support the Govern-

ment, are similarly opposed.

Mr Boh Hawke, the Prime

enabling legislation were de- present appears unlikely.

Minister, said that, if the

feated, it would be taken back

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About a quarter of the shades ply their illicit trade, people living in three densely gym clubs offer at a price such threat to white living stanstimulating extras as "pelvic massage", and all-race discoes have long flouted the oncerigid hut now fast-crumbling taboo oo mixed dancing.

For jaded businessmen there are lunch bars where, as they eat, they can watch bored white girls stripping down to a G-string and nipple caps, the maximum exposure permitted by law, or wrestling with each other semi-naked in tubs of

Maoy Coloureds and Indians and a growing number of blacks can afford accommodation in such areas and are prepared to put up with racketeer landlords and the risk of eviction for the advantage of living in the centre of town, rather than in some outlying township ghetto. Racially-mixed areas have

also developed in Durban, Cape Town and Port Eliza-beth. A few wealthy blacks and Indians have even moved into such elite white northern suburbs of Johannesburg as Houghton and Sandton, Unless the neighbours complain, they are unlikely to be moved.

It is still government policy that the Group Areas Act. which also segregates hospitals and schools, should remain the bedrock of South African social life. But President P.W. Botha indicated at a ruling National Party congress in East London on October 1 that there could be some

tinkering at the margins. One possibility, he suggested, would be to allow blacks (of all shades) who could afford to do so to move into the wealthiest white areas, on the argument that, as

Mr Hawke: intending to

A report on the future of the Group Areas Act is expected later this mooth from the President's Council, an allrace advisory body. It will not recommend outright abolition, but may suggest legalizing the existing "grey areas", as the zooes of de facto mixing are called. At the same East London

congress, Mr Botha also asserted that he had never regarded the related Separate Amenities Act, which segregates many public facilities from public lavatories to buses and trains, as "practical legislation".

Already the Separate Ame-nities Act is riddled with exemptions and segregation at the social level is steadily breaking down.

Earlier this week Durban became the second South African city after Cape Town to desegregate its huses. But elsewhere the colour bar is still the rule, as it is geoerally on trains, though some mixed coaches have been introduced in the Cape Town area. Many beaches are still segregated.

In most city centres, cinemas are now open to all races, though few hlacks can afford the prices, and there is also the difficulty of getting back home to Soweto or wherever at night time after the show.

Hotels and restaurants in most urban centres are no longer prohibited from admitting people of all races, but equally they are not obliged to do so and are still within their legal rights in turning away customers solely on grounds

Hawke's card could force election smacks of Big Brother govern-The Government insists that the system will contain protection against abuses, and points to European countries, such as West Germany, France, Switzerland and Bei-

gium, which already have dentity documents. Tax experts say that over a 10-year period the card would save enough to enable a tax cut of between 10 per cent and

As proposed, the Australia Card would carry the name of the holder, an identity of to the Senate until it was ber, photograph and signature passed, but that would need and would have to be prosupport from at least four duced on opening a bank oppositioo senators, which at account, starting a job, buying property or claiming social Opponents say the card security benefits.



Zia claims an Indian build-up

From A Correspondent Karachi

Pakistan's President Zia ul-Haq has ruled out the possibil-ity of an end to hostilities between India and Pakistan, after the deployment of Indian troops on the borders.

Addressing a press conference at Karachi airport on

Wednesday, on his return from Saudi Aarabia, General Zia confirmed news reports that India had amassed troops on Pakistani borders to "ar unprecedented level". He said the present large-scale con-centration of Indian troops had not been seen in the subcontinent before, and to some extent was rare even by

European standards. The President admitted that relations between the two nations had become strained, particularly after December 15 1985, for "unknown reasons". • Textile scandal: The Prime Minister, Mr Muhammad

Khan Junejo, has been put into an embarrassing po-sitionaly reports of his alleged involvement in the textile quota scandal, which resulted in the sacking of the federal Commerce Minister, Mr Mohyuddin Baluch, through a ential order on Novem The Philippines most prom-inent trade union leader, Mr ber II (A Correspondent

Media reports here suggest that the former Commerce Minster had been made a scapegoat after the disclosure that a textile export quota was allegedly wrongfully allocated on the recomme Prime Minister, the Commerce Minister, and some of the ruling Muslim League members of Parliament and

Aquino leaves Japan with hint of Cabinet reshuffle

From David Watts, Tokyo

Mr Ongpin had been given Hinting at forthcoming assurances that the amount of changes in her Cabinet as a result of discussions with her errant Defeoce Minister, Preregular development assistance would be increased to between £0.04 hillion and sident Corazon Aquino yes-£0.06 billion, while co-financterday ended a state visit to ing of the World Bank recov-Japan saying it had far ex-ceeded her expectations. ery programme would be viewed with sympathy. After some initial reluc-

Tokyo also made a committance to support the Aquino Government because of its lack of stability, it seems Mrs ment to assist with the rehabilitation of two steel mills and the modernization of the port of Manila to the tune of £0.08 billion. Aquino has convinced Japa-nese political and business communities that it is worth Given that the Japanese pledges do not have to go through the equivalent of a hostile Congress, as did earlier

supporting.
Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the apanese Prime Minister, not only promised her 40.4 billion yen (about £0.17 billion) to build a power station, but also the backing of his Govern-

ment. Mr Jaime Ongpin, the Phil-ippines Finance Minister, estimated that Japanese assistance to his country in fiscal 1986 would be worth £0.4

Tokyo agreed to a new commodity loan of £0.14 bil-lion eveo though the whole of such loans has not always deal with specific complaints been taken up in the past.

Rolando Olalia, and his

driver, who disappeared oo

Wednesday night, were found brutally murdered yesterday

in a Manila funeral parlour.

Pobce said the bodies bore

multiple gunshot and stab-wounds. The eyes of Mr

Olalia, aged 50, were gouged

out, newspaper was stuffed in his mouth and his hands tied

by a belt in froot of him. .

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aid pledges from the US, most of them are likely to be carried

out. Mr Nakasone committed

himself to dispatch special missions to the Philippines to

examine ecocomic co-oper-

There is less certainty, bow-ever, about the size of pledges from the business community

to import more Filipino goods, and the willingness of

the Japanese Government to

From Keith Dalton, Manila The disappearance of the two men was earlier reported by Mrs Feliciana Olalia. She told a press conference that her husband and his driver, Mr Leonor Alay-Ay, were last seen leaving a suburban trade

Mr Olalia was chairman of the Kilusang Mayo Uno (May trade union federation.

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Mrs Aquino told a press conference before leaving Japan: "The assistance given this year far exceeds the assistance given last year to my predecessor. It is a very clear message to the Filipino people that the Japanese Government strongly supports the Aquino Government and looks on the Aquino Govern-ment in a much better light than my predecessor's govern-

She refused to comment on reports that in her discussions with Emperor Hirohito he effusively and repeatedly apol-ogized for the suffering caused to the Filipino people during the Second World War. She said, however, that her two meetings with the Emperor had been the most memorable of the visit; "I think His Majesty is just such a kind and a great man. In a sense he reminded me of my father, who also was very kind to

Philippines union chief murdered

Two days before he disappeared, Mr Olalia vowed to call a general strike if dissident military elements loyal to the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, tried to stage a coup against President Corozoo Amino. ozoo Aquino. Interviewed earlier on govemment televisi

bour Minister, Mr Agusto Sanchez, predicted labour I Movement), the country's Sanchez, predicted labour biggest and most militant strife if anything happened to Mr Olalia.

Japanese miners out over pit closures

From David Watts

Thousands of coal miners went on a one-day national strike yesterday to protest against a proposal which would halve the number of working pits and do away with 10,000 jobs.

The National Union of Mine Workers withdrew its 11,000 members at 10 mines on the northern island of Hokkaido and in Kyushu the southern island, but a large rally in Hokkaido marking the day of protest was ignored by NHK, the Japanese equivalent of the BBC, in its evening

As one of the strikers ob served gloomily amid a crowd of miners with red bandannas of protest around their fore-heads: "I don't think anybody is listening." The last miners' strike was four years ago over the closure of a Hokkaido mine. Since then the union has lost 4,000 members.

Later this month the Government of Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone will receive a report which will recommend drastic reductions in the coal industry in Japan during the next five years. It will recommend that annual coal output be cut from 16 million tons to about 10 million tons by 1991. The closures are to be phased in to lessen the impact, but about half the mines will go.

The report is a radical turnround for the Government, which has subsidized the coal industry heavily since the war. It follows a recommenda-

tioo made by a commission chaired by a former governor of the Bank of Japan, Mr Hamo Maekawa, which handed the Government the Maekawa Report on the restructuring of Japanese industry in

Such restructuring of the coal industry was the one specific recommendation of the report, but it may well herald similar treatment of other industries which are now in trouble, in particular steel and shipbuilding. Earlier this week Japan's major steel-makers reported their heaviest first half losses for 40 years. The rationalization of the

coal industry is good news for the steel firms but it is oot as helpful as hoped for an industry which is obliged to buy largely domestic coal at almost three times the price of imports from Australia and elsewhere. The steel firms had been pressing for parity be-tween the price of domestic and imported coal.

The miners will no doubt be back at work today after their day of protest, taking with them worries about finding new jobs in areas of the country where new opportunities are few.

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Black art in politics

In Full Circle (BBC2), tele-vision emerged as a black art, only meagrely understood by politicians, but avidly invoked by them to cast a short-term chall on the last assort-term spell on the electorate. As Michael Cockerell elegantly illustrated, when the spell wears off they tend to hiame the state of the art, not

themselves.

This concluding programme on Number 10's relationship with the medium — very much a medium of impression rather than content — began with Harold Wilson's podgy imitation of President Kennedy. Like Kennedy, Wilson believed his television image was the key to success. And so, to begin with, it was. However, when the wind changed, there he was, puffing out complaints he was, paffing out complaints of "complete bias" and install-ing a political chairman, Lord Hill, to steer the BBC.

But such are the satanic. magical powers swirling about Broadcasting House, that af-ter a couple of seances, Lord Hill himself "went native". In the programme's most telling remark, he explained how politicians "regard something which is impartial as biased against them — and something biased in their favour as

beautifully impartial".

One Prime Minister "much too sensible" to have a public row with the BBC was Edward Heath. Looking very relaxed at last, he admitted "I was

TELEVISION

never able to project myself on television". The result was a proliferation of media witchdoctors who helped sweep him and then his Tory successor to power. Coached by a former advises

to Billy Graham, Margaret Thatcher has learnt much since her 1960 television debut in which she comes across as Vera Lynn in a brace.

Yet, as with Harold Wilson. there is a smell of change in the air. White Magic is now seen as Black. "Selective see-ing is believing", Mrs Thatcher complains, attacking the medium for the very way in which she has been advised to manipulate it. Not that there was a whiff of

bias in Michael Cockerell's quick-moving survey. Admittedly no other voice could make "Wembley: the 1983 General Election" sound as if he was visiting a casualty ward, but it was a voice which surgically removed all sorts of superstitions, left and right.
In his assiduous avoidance

of politics, Cockerell did howany election's outcome was dependent less on policy than on how well the policy-makers did on screen. What he failed to stress was that if politicians have become more adept at broadcasting their message, the public has become just as skilled in deciding whether to believe it or not. Far from being a magic mirror or an alchemist's stone, television remains a magnifying glass which seizes on panic or confidence and then transmits it large to every home.
One of the most over-

inflated spectacles at present is that hangover from the Wembley Tory shindig, Kenny Everett. Camp, manic, uufunny, he more and more resembles, in Clive James's phrase, a rat peering through a lavatory brush. In Barry Cryer and Neil Shand, his Television Show (BBC1) also depends on scriptwriters who could wipe the smile off the Mona Lisa. Brass Tacks (BBC2) investi-

gated the government's policy of releasing mentally handi-capped patients into a commuaity that turns out to be less than caring. It was an important, understated programme that raised issues that must be addressed urgently if we are not to suffer the "catastrophic" result of the same experiment in America.

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Haymarket, Chelsea, Tottenham Court Road

Big Trouble in Little China (PG) Leicester Square Theatre

Running Scared (15)

True Stories (PG) Warner Leicester Square: Cannon Tottenham Court Road

Most current American films seem to be about the teenagers of middle-class middle America - not surprisingly since it is they who make up the biggest part of the audience. Joyce Chopra's Smooth Talk is no exception in that it describes the private pains and pleasures of the in-betweens, and the in-comprehension of their well-

meaning but impatient parents. The difference in this remarkable low-budget debut feature is the shrewd wisdom of the sympathetic but never indulgent portrait of its 15year-old heroine. Connie is a pain in the neck - lazy and sulky at bome, trying out lurid make-up and

tarty clothes, making a nui-sance of herself in the shopping malls with her equally screechy girlfriends, baiting adolescent boys as mexperi-enced as berself. She has hit the awkward age with a vengeance — a great npsurge of sexual energy that is both unrecognized and unsatisfied. She knows only that boys are nice. The awkward age is also the dangerous age: curiosity draws Connie to a dubious bar where older people hang out. Instinct gets ber out of a couple of scrapes, but she does not find it so easy to shake off a handsome, mildish psycbopath. In a scary, ambiguous afternoon alone with him,

Connie grows up fast. Chopra, with a background in both theatre and docu-mentary, wins wonderful performances from her principals, Laura Dern (daughter of Bruce) and Treat Williams; and subtly conveys the won-

in her own home by a homicidal rapist succeeds in overpowering him and submitting him to the same routine of terror which he has already inflicted upon her. Robert M. Young directs it

with enough skill and speed to

provide an extremely gripping chamber study in terror. though he does not quite put at rest the moral uncertainties that the audience shares with the heroine's house-mates when they come bome from work to find her on the point of killing her captive. The rape victim who jibs at police use of the word "compliance" to describe sexual submission at knife-point has no qualms about a confession extracted under similar circumstances The point is perhaps that it is a work of anger, both playwright and director admit to being affected by rape attempts suf-fered by people in their own

the role on the stage, marvellously sustains both the terror and the bysterical anger of the woman, James Russo, also from the stage produc-tion, is no stock villain, but a

the great world outside only seriously began bis feature career eight years ago with Alambristal, which took der as well as the morasses the Cannes Festival award as a

Extremities deals more melodramatically with sexual peril. Adapted from William Mastrosimone's stage play, it relates how a woman attacked

Farrah Fawcett, who played

personable young man who gives a chilling plausibility to the pathological liar and killer. Robert M. Young is 62, but

He lands in a hopeless and truly godforsaken southern village, and sets about restoring an abandoned aqueduct to bring both water and self-

first feature film. Now consid-

ered the father of American

independent cinema, his most

successful film to date was

The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez.
Underlying all his work is the
same strong social sense and
embraciog benevolence.

A second Young film open-

ing this week, Saving Grace, is

a whimsical but irresistibly optimistic fable. Tom Conti

(with an irritating and point-

less Italian accent) plays a

fictitious Pope, one Leo XIV,

who accidentally locks himself

out of the Vatican while

wearing musti and decides to

take the opportunity to see

DANCE

Teenage wit and wisdom: Laura Dern, left, and Margaret Welch as girlfriends Connie and Laura in Smooth Talk respect to the depressed population. It might be objected that his mighty task and all the dramatic and sentimental circumstances associated with it are improbably accomplished in the space of a week, but after all God did much more in seven days, and literal realism is none of Young's purpose here. Predictably but entertainingly,

Fernando Rey and Erland

Josephson figure large In Big Trouble in Little China John Carpenter, at the best of times a master storyteller, is overwhelmed by his own special effects, without a strong enough script to guide him (the screenplay was by Gary Goldman and David Z. Weinstein, rewritten by

.D. Richter). The confused story lands its

truek-driver hero (Kurt Russell) in the palaual catacomb empire of an unwillingly im-mortal ancient Chinese magician, beneath San Francisco's Chinatown. His quest is to rescue his best friend's fiancée, snatched by the magician who wants to make her his own bride. The extravagant special effects -

fireworks, apparitions, flying martial artists — take over. The idea, clearly, was to

emulate the Indiana Jones

films, but the comparatively disappointing box-office results in the United States indicate that the balance has to be right to win the juvenile audience. Running Scared is a con-

ventional buddies police film, with the distinction of a snappy comedy double act by

Gregory Hines and Billy Crystal, fast and caustie dialogue by Gary DeVore and Jimmy Huston and imaginative use of wintry Chicago locations. If it does not finally work, True Stories is at least a

personal approach to comedy. David Byrne of Talking Heads habitually introduces into his pop-rock sharp reflections on the dehumanization of contemporary living. Here, as director and writer (with Beth. Henley and Stephen Tobolowsky), be extends his scope. Inescapably influenced by the pop video form, the film is a loose assembly of comic, caricatural, nostalgie rignettes of small-town America, interspersed with musical

David Robinson

Sharp falls a little flat

THEATRE

Country Dancing The Other Place, Stratford

Even to those like me who know nothing else about him, Cecil Sharp is revered for having saved a mass of Eng-lish folk music from falling into oblivion. As these songs and dances feature prominently in Nigel Williams's play, you would also expect the author to have a soft spot for Sharp.
But, from the first sight of

the collector patronizing an old fiddler, it is clear that this evening is not addressed to devotees of the Cecil Sharp Society.

As played by Richard Easton, he comes over as a tweedy Edwardian gentleman who may love country music but is totally ignorant of the life that produced it. He may be getting the notes down right, but his fruity interviewing manner takes you back to the early days of BBC scripted en-counters with the country's veomen.

True to life or not, there is a fair point to be made here. Sharp's collection is a national treasure; but there is no doubt that it has projected an idealized vision of the rural past. And in the early scenes, it story-telling scens that Mr Williams is out false clues.



Murphy with Niamh Cusak to place these innocent-sounding songs in a bitter historical context

What Country Dancing does go on to do is at once more and less than that. Instead of documentation, it retraces a century of industrial turmoil up to 1914 through the lives of a group of vil-lagers. Industrialism takes its toll, as they move toto town in search of work. There follow strikes, lock-outs, unemployment. and renewed destitution

It does not tell you much about history, or even about the personalities of the characters. And the attempt to combine public and private story-telling leaves a string of

What really punctures the story, however, is the treat-ment of the collector. It seems that Cecil Sharp had a forebear, also called Sharp, whose role in the preceding ceotury had been to grind the faces of the workers: as skinflint squire, brutal factory-owner and proprietor of a dance hall charging tuppence a time for a

Mr Easton gallantly under-goes these unflattering transformations, sometimes switching between past and unplayable except to the vein of coarse caricature.

The most toteresting episode to the play consists of a musical duel but it is generally hard to discern any direct link between the events and the

Of the performances, Niamh Cusack subsides believably from spirited village girl into urban drudge and Gerard Murphy dominates the stage as a cocky young buck, roaring agitator, and

macho top dog.

The best part of his performance is his singing. The same goes for Bill Alexander's production, which combines some lovely intricate group dances and fresh melodies in the Sharp tradition, with yearning pain-filled songs of a kind which you do not hear at school concerts.

he'd loved it and would be

"Then we started to cast it

Milton Berle was our first idea but he didn't like the rewrites, so then we offered it to Phil

Silvers who thought it was too

classical, and we finished up with Zero Mostel for Broad-

way and Frankie Howerd who

was our first choice over

Gelbart came to Loodon with the show in 1963; "My

family and I came for a month

and stayed nine years, so the

five children grew up here and

happy to direct.

Irving Wardle

Mayerling Covent Garden

Wednesday's performance by the Royal Ballet brought together in the central roles of Mayerling three dancers all new to their parts this season and appearing together for the

Antony Dowson had the hardest job. Crown Prince Rudolf is a long role and be was precipitated into it at short notice. He did pretty well - in the circumstances, impressively well. His dancing and clean. scting boldly emphatic and he coped manfully with the varions female characters, prominent or secondary, who has to catch, lift or manipulate.

Fiona Chadwick presents Mary Vetsera as a romantically besotted girl, who throws herself into ber lover's nasty games with more enthusiasm than anderstanding. Cynthia Harvey as the manipulative Countess Larisch is the most successful: her eyes glittering with sly cunning, her manner just that beautifully judged bit too intimate, her pride leading her insiduously into hamili-ation. Excellent performances too from Tracy Brown, sad and beautiful as the Empress Elisabeth, and Jonathan Burrows as the coachman wbo serves as the Prince's

John Percival

Leipzig Gewandhaus/ Masur Festival Hall

Such is the accumulated distinction of the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra's 200year history that the ensemble could probably claim "special links" with nearly every Austro-German composer to its repertoire. Eveo so, this was a quintessential Leipzig

programme. Weber's Eurvanthe Overture was fol-lowed by the "Italian" Symphony of the orchestra's onetime conductor Mendelssohn. Scouperts Symphony.

Listening to their present warm, well-blended sound one could easily believe that a thread of performance tra-dition has been passed down by some process of orcbestral osmosis; the current chief conductor, Kurt Masur, offers rock-solid, traditiooal

interpretations.
The evening's most unusual aspect was Masur's oddly dour pacing of the Mendelssohn first movement, with the woodwind slurring their repeated cbords rather selfeffacingly and the string tone milked unashamedly, admit-tedly to gorgeous effect.

The other movements were less controversial. The third was eased along with particular grace and suavity, which concealed the fact that Masur was actually taking it rather briskly; the salterello finale had a tense, edgy quality that

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was not inappropriate, though the flutes seemed far too

In fact the orchestra's wbole wind section sounded less than world-class; weedy rather than reedy io timbre, far from exact in intonation and without crisp clarity of articula-tion. This shortcoming made the performance of Schubert's "Great C Major" sound duller than it should have done. considering how magnificent was the string sound which Masur deployed so effectively.

The contrast was particularly apparent in the finale. what should be the colossal and crusbing entrance of the trombones, Masur increased the teosion by giving special weight to the string sforzandos. But all the excitement vanished: could these muffled, wavery creatures really be trombones? At such moments safety does not come first.

Richard Morrison Endellion Quartet Wigmore Hall

Wednesday night was the centrepiece of the Endellion's three recitals to mark the tenth anniversary of the death of Britten, and it was worthy of the occasion.
The Second Britten Quartet,

the 1945 work in C, is for a start particularly well suited to first: don't miss it. the Endellion's performing character - and they to it.

Only a group with their intensity of classical grounding could manage so convincingly to control the senza

rigore element of the opening Allegro. As Hans Keller once commented, it is quite the most Austrian of all Britten's instrumental works; and the Eodellion, fresh from the Viennese gleam of Beethoven's Op 18 No 3, did oot forget its structural examon the other hand, only a

group as youthful and vig-orous of ensemble as they, could produce a Chacony of such apparent spontaneity and yet such brilliantly sustained momentum.

After the interval, the quartet turned to brahms to vide the second-half ballast. The Minor Op 51 Quartet offered obvious scope for the quartet's voracious contrapuntal appetite: they thrive on the type of keen wit and tough rhythmic argument which tumbles out of the first movement; but it was something more subtle which marked this performance.
The Endellion managed to

generate remarkable intensity with cunning anticipation: their sights, it seemed, were set oo the Andante's central out-burst, the Minuet's fiery trio even in the screnity of their openings: rubato, too often worn slack, was tightened afresh, and the considerable strength of the work's inner part-writing was exploited. Next Wednesday brings Britten's last and Smetana's

Hilary Finch

Funny man in the forum

It was almost a quarter of a century ago that Frankie Howerd first opened in London as Pseudolus the slave in Stephen Sondheim's A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum; tonight he returns to the role at the Shakespeare already seen at Chichester this summer and directed by the summer and directed by the show's eo-author, Larry Gelbart. In the intervening 23 years Mr Gelbart has been most notably occupied in co-producing and writing and directing several dozen episodes of the hugely successful television series M*A*S*H, though he also found the time for the screenwriting of such for the screenwriting of such comedies as Tootsie and Oh God and Movie Movie.

The only son of a barber from Latvia, he was born in Chieses 58 years are and then

Chicago 58 years ago and then moved as a child to California with his family: "My Dad used to cut Danny Thomas's hair, and when I was 16 I already knew I wanted to write comedy so I went to work for Thomas and I guess he com-pleted my education for me. Thomas liked me because all my jokes came very cheap, in fact at first I didn't charge at all and from him I moved on to other radio comics like Bob Hope and Eddie Cantor to the days when radio was very big. It was Hope who took me into

television, 100. But the success of the Forum was the end of my writing for individual comics; I'd known Burt Shevelove in television and, when he came up with the idea of adapting the Plantus low-life comedies of Roman life into a musical

Sheridan Morley talks to Larry Gelbart, co-author of the 23-year-old show and director of its West End return tonight



he was late for the dentist. built around comics and leggy That was all, so we went away broken-hearted until that girls, I thought maybe we were night when he rang and said

on to something.
"At first there was something scary about a Roman follies for Broadway, but once I'd read all the Plautus plays, and figured out that he was in doing what any comie writer has always done, then it began to fall into place. We worked through all 26 of his plays, lifted what we wanted and

invented the rest. In all we spent four years writing and rewriting the show and finally we took it to the great director George Abbott. Steve sang him the songs and Burt read him the dialogue, and Abbott just sat there without laughing until it was they're all now in the business, over. Then he got up and said though all we ever wanted

were lawyers and doctors with safe careers. "I don't know bow we

confidential go-between.

afforded to stay in London all through the 1960s, but I did some screenplay rewrites on a couple of Italian movies without signing them and I started to write for Marty Feldman. Then the idea of turning M*A*S*H into a series came along and I went back to California to write some or all of 97 episodes. I never meant to stay with the show that long, but I started co-producing and got very possessive of the show until battle faugue

"I also wrote S/v Fox at that time, which was an adaptation of Volpone, and did some work on a disastrous Broadway musical called Ballroom, then along came Tootsie which I co-wrote for Dustin This will be my first

production on stage as a director, but it seemed to go the show is so much a part of me that, when Frankie wanted to revive it, I thought maybe the time was right for me to direct. The only trouble in the summer was that gigantic opeo stage: Chichester is so vast that if you want people on or off stage very fast they have to traverse about half ao acre so the pace is inevitably slower, at the Piccadilly under the proscenium arch it all fits so much better, and Frankie and I have really reinvented the show. Now it is like a very early love that has come back into one's life with maybe a few wrinkles but still looking



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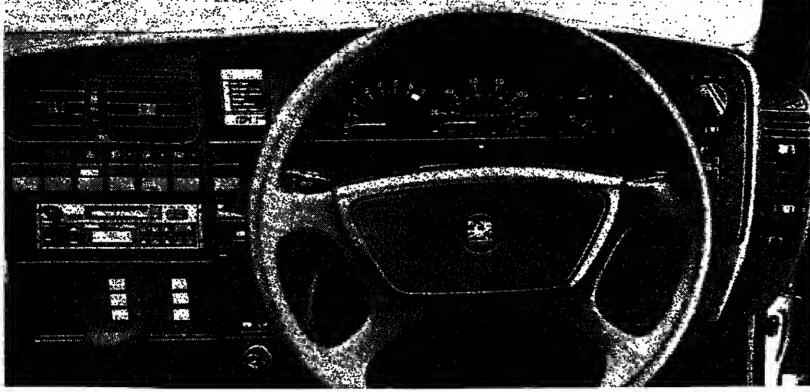
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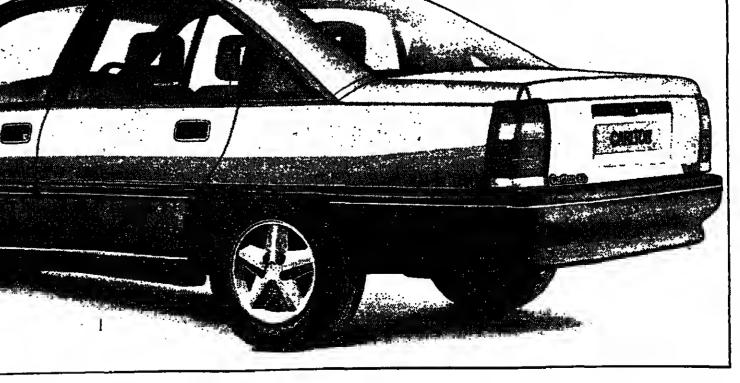


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British scientists are perfecting 'computer police' which will bring radical change to the way criminals are pursued and crimes proven. In America, advanced

technology is already used. In the last part of our series, Stewart Tendler

examines the detective's new hardware

th on a Herttordshire hill, in a laboratory with a boundary of double strands of barbed wire and surrounded by grazing sheep, Home Office scientists are working on the technical equipment for tomprrow's policeman.

On a 25-acre site at Sandridge near St Albans, the scientists, working with other government departments and private enterprise, are shaping a future in which the police will be better protected, better connected and better

The United States, liaising with Britain, is moving towards the thinking computer and the day when the detective becomes a 51/2-inch floppy disc. New techniques mean genetic fingerprinting has arrived. Real fingerprints can be lifted from more and more surfaces. Police will soon be summoning suspects' photographs from a computerized archive the size of a small filing cabinet.

On the streets, work is being directed and monitored by command and control systems and advanced telecommunications. Constables can carry computer terminals the size of slim briefcases, linked by radio to computer

It took more than 30 years for the Victorian policeman to move from a top hat and rattle to a cork helmet and whistle. The telephone came into police use in the early 1900s, the radio car in the 1920s, the personal radio in the 1960s and the computer a decade

In the 1980s the rate of technological change has accelerated, encouraged by the drive for efficiency, the seemingly unstoppable rise in crime and the uninspiring level of clear-up rates. Policeneed of good management, often in tandem with computerization. More men on the beat means more megabytes at

Nothing provides a dearer visual image of the rate of change in the past five years than the developments in dealing with major public disorder. The police have gone from dustbin covers, cricket boxes and shinpads to flameproof overalls, riot belmets

At the Home Office lab-

oratory, the researchers are on

to the third belmet design in five years. The threat factor is constantly advancing - at Tottenham, last year guns were fired at the police lines for the first time in a modern riot - and the next helmet will be lighter but tougher, made from a synthetic resin.

Researchers are looking at materials to protect police stations and vehicles from hullets, bombs and even a SAM 7 missile. Airport counters can be protected against terrorist attack with fibreglass resins.

Since the Brighton bombing in 1984, work has intensified on finding better ways to detect explosives or bombs. At Sandridge the equipment under assessment includes a Ministry of Defence backpack which sniffs gas traces of chemicals, such as nitro-glycerine, and identifies them. It can detect one part in a trillion, the equivalent of a bottle of orange juice poured into Lake Windermere.

olice have already been trained in the use of back-scatter devices which can reveal hidden objects, by bombarding an area with neutron rays which respond to hydrogen in a mass. developed the "hoolivan" to combat football hooligans with video and stills cameras equipped with 300 to 900mm lenses for indentifying offenders. In the laboratories at Sandridge, photographs and tape recordings can be brought

up to high levels of clarity. have prepared prototypes for the tape recorders to be installed in police stations nationwide. Trials, which incorporate tamper-proof mechanisms, alarms, a timing device and unobtrusive microphones, have shown an increase in guilty pleas, thus reducing court time.

A computer programme has been sent out to every force in the country which will evaluate the facilities they propose to use for recording interviews. The programme will make recommendations on how to meet required standards and at what cost.

By the next century, interviews may not only be recorded acoustically but also on video tape so that the full effect of the interview be-



Inset: scientists can make "prints" from skin or blood. The

reduces the risk of a challenge in court.

But the journey from the scene of the crime to the interview room can be a long one for the detective pressured for results, starved of manpower and flooded with information. The scene-ofcrime officer and the forensic scientist will help to ease his

In a few years the scene-ofcrime man will arrive with a portable laser unit to search for fingerprints now only detectable under expensive, laboratory conditions. He will be able to take prints off rough surfaces, using a technique involving the vapour from supergiue, and develop prints from labrics such as silk using sulphur dioxide infused with a low level of radio-activity.

The time may be approaching when members of the forensic science services' research department take prints from skin, which will bring about a radical alteration in investigations of murder, rape and assault. It is now possible to take a blood or body fluid sample such as semen, identify the gene structure as individually as a fingerprint and eventually match the sample with a suspect.

The widespread use of the technique could lead to the inclusion of the data on criminal records, together with the current standard storage of photographs and fingerprints. The result would be a highly accurate computerized criminal identification system, because radical changes are underway in the storage of existing criminal

Field trials have just begun in Hertfordshire with PROD (photographic retrieval from optical disc), a computer system for storing and retrieving photographs of criminals. Developed at Sandridge, the system uses a video camera which records images on to an

optical disc. PROD will scan its files for criminals which match a witness's statement, checking through descriptions such as age groups and sex. A VDU shows the colour photograph of a named person within seven seconds. Black and

white copies can be made by Tracing a killer in minutes

Today's low-status, low-paid, ill-educated, ill-trained American cop - it is said in the United States that anybody united States that anybody can become a policeman — is giving way to a highly sophisticated breed of supercop. Within 25 years, policing is going to become a profession. A professional police officer is likely to need a BA or an MA degree in the social sciences.

The police, like crime and criminals, are going hi-tech. One of the most far-reaching advances currently sweep American police forces is a new kind of fingerprint comer, which could revolu-

One of the most notorious killers in America was identified three minutes after California's new automated fingerprint identification system was switched our it matched a print lifted from a car in Los Angeles to one taken from a young drifter and on September 2, 1985, the "Night Stalker", a mass killer who had terrorized the city for seven months, was arrested. Computers have been used

graphs can be shown to witnesses. An optical disc will hold a total of 50,000 photographs, and the entire photo-graphic content of the country's 3.5 million criminal records would fit into a broad

frented filing cabinet. PROD will allow police forces to build up photo-graphic files on the specialities of criminals or their methods. Albums can then be produced for witnesses to check. Only

Fingered: Richard Ramirez

since 1976, when the FBI

began converting 17 million

prints to digital form. But the

matching process was slow

and unreliable, until a com-puter combining custom-made silicon chips with a new tech-

nique for analysing minutiae

In the Night Stalker case

the computer compared the

with 380,000 stored in its

force area prove to be recidi-vists and PROD would allow for those to be easily separated from the rest.

The Home Office is also moving towards the installa-tion of high-speed automatic fingerprint recognition (AFR), which means the computerization of the national fingerprint collection so that it can be scanned for accurate comparison with prints found at the scene of a crime or those

the nearest contender, was Richard Ramirez.

people walking the streets out there who think they are home

free," says Lieutenant Richard

Olson of the Orange County

computer systems working to-gether, they are going to be in for a surprise."

Police training academies are becoming full-service

training centres, with courses

in an array of new equipment

and in hi-tech detective work.

Within a generation it is

possible that the police will

carry stun guns, electronic restraint devices and surveil-

lance equipment. The day is ending when American police send a man on to the streets

with a badge, a gun, a night stick and the barest of bar-

rack-room training.

Police. "Once we get thes

The implications are im-

working at the rate of 10,000 prints per second. As it turned out Neilson did not have a criminal record.

Criminals, aware of modern forensic science methods, go to great lengths to minimise evidence, leaving the detec-tive to trawl as widely as prints most closely resembled the killer's; at the top of the list, with a probability rating four times as high as that of possible in the hope that clues will emerge. he results can be chaotic as the York-

Access to the collection

would be open to every force

by direct computer terminal

instead of the current opera-tion through a central office at

In the 1970s, it took 20 men

one year to compare a print from the Black Panther, Don-

ald Neilson, with national records; AFR would do the

same task in a matter of hours,

Scotland Yard.

shire Ripper case revealed: amounts of informamense. The Los Angeles police alone have 4,350 ansolved murders, 2,500 ansolved rapes, and 20,000 unsolved tion were generated, including a chain of incidents which should have pointed up Peter Sutcliffe as a prime suspect. policing strategies can develop But because the storage system was manual, it was difficult to keep track of possible leads or correlate key material.

In the aftermath of the Ripper inquiry, police forces used small computers to pull together information on large inquiries and now all forces are taking np HOLMES (Home Office large/major enquiry system), a computer system developed by the Home Office which allows for fast retrieval and free text. scarching for major cases.

A system like HOLMES will allow the detective to compare statements and collect to-gether facts which may make a pattern. Plans for the Police National Computer organization will mean that different Christopher Thomas computers in different forces handling major investigations

with HOLMES can be linked centrally to talk to each other, transfering information.

The PNC operation will also provide extra storage and capacity for an investigation when the force's own computer overflows. But HOLMES has its limits. It will collect details of how many ginger-haired men with red pullovers and a green car were seen near an incident once it is asked. But the next stage will be a computer which searches its records and tells the operator when something signifi-cant has been found. Knowledge based or artificial intelligence systems, under examination by America's Federal Bureau of Investigation, may make the decisions

rather than the detective. To some extent the computer is already influencing policing and detection on the ground. At Holloway in north London a desk-top machine has been used to break down local crime patterns so that week by week to meet identified problems.

Weekly reports of four types of major local crime are fed into the computer on a points system. The weekly print-out checked and resources for the next period allocated on the basis of beat experience.

It has brought significant drops in several types of crime, including burglaries, and a similar form of analysis will be available force-wide with a new large computer system. This may well produce the same frustratiion the north London officers experienced. With Holloway's crime patterns uncovered, commanders felt they could work wonders . . . but they need 50 more officers. No one is likely to design a thinking computer

£12,000 to be won



A glitzy, glamorous media event rating above Jeux Sans Frontières but below the Olympics? Or a television-hyped international cattle market, degrading to women? The Miss World contest arouses strong feelings, both for and against. The Times went behind the scenes at the Royal Albert Hall last night for an in-depth look at the anatomy of Miss World

Around Miss World

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A solemn blot on the humorscape

Yesterday farceur Tom Sharpe found honour at a lunch

in Paris. It was

not much of a laugh

French take their humor (and I do mean the non-u variety) so seriously that it is hard not to laugh at them when they are moral virtues to the rest of the Yesterday, I found myself at

the Cercle Interalie in Paris's Rue du Faubourg St Honore, which is a sort of Cafe Royale plus garlic, where a group of eminent ambassadors and related professionals held their tenth annual award-giving luncheon of APHIA (the Association for the Promotion of Humor in International

The finest irony of the occasion was that the prize should have been won by the British farceur Tom Sharpe, whose sense of humour is so far removed from that of his sponsors. In fact, when Sharpe received the award, "the Legion d'Humeur", he launched into an attack on South Africa, where he had spent 10 years of his working life. The clunk of uninterested cutlery was

The funniest thing about APHIA is the organization itself, which was conceived in 1969 and founded four years later by three extremely serious Americans who believed that the world of public affairs was running out of mirth.



in fingerprint detection work memory. It came up with the

APHIA holds no formal functions whatsoever, apart from this bunch; indeed, it boasts the fact that it has no offices, holds no meetings and keeps no minutes. The only proof of its existence is the

The occasion is a parody of the Nobel Prize (this bunch refers to its own offering as the Noble). After the presentation yesterday, Barbara Scott, an expatriate Englishwoman living in Paris, stood up and sang the following words, accompanying herself on a

La situation n'est pas Elle est glaciale de pole en

Mais nous AFIOSI, faisons face — L'humour est le seul yrai brise-glace One of APHIA's tricks in

the past has been to award a booby prize; previous recipi-ents have included President Nixon's press secretary Ron Ziegler, for his repeated comments during the Watergate Affair - when it became impossible to defend a preposterous statement by his boss it

was announced by Ziegler that "all previous statements are inoperative"; US defence socretary Caspar Weinberger, for disclaiming that his defence policy was limited to nuclear war; Billy Carter, for his overzealousness in promoting his private interests while his brother Jimmy struggled to promote the public interest; Milton Friedman for his remarks in 1974, the time of the first oil shock, to the effect that he would not worry about high prices - "OPEC will

promptly fall apart".
In future years APHIA has decided not to disclose the winner of its booby prize in advance of the luncheon.

APHIA itself was the brainchild of three highly serious Americans living in Paris; Alfred E Davidson, John É Fobes, and Richard H Moore, who had the help of the celebrated English actor Peter Ustinov. The acting director-general of the World Health Organization, Dr Mahler, sent a telegramme describing humour as "essential for good health"; shortly afterwards the then director-general of Unesco, Mr Fobes, cabled a message to the effect that

Former winners of the APHIA prize include John Kenneth Galbraith, the Canadian economist, and Ustinov, a gold plated tennis racket was awarded to George Mikes, and a first edition of Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn was given to Laurence Peter, the originator of the Peter Principle, which dictates that a man is promoted to the level of his least competence;

humour has educational

and Pierre Daninos, APHIA insists that it has no number of years, in order to formal activity, year by year, and that its prize never takes the form of a cheque. When pressed on the subject of remuneration the organizers concede that Art Buchwald received 100,000 American pennies in recognition for his

passion for money, a 16th century map of the Channel Islands was awarded to Professor Parkinson, of Parkinson's Law, reflecting his pronounced affection for his home in Guernsey; a time capsule was given to Ustinov

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A limited edition of Leonardo da Vinci's "Medici Codices" went to Piet Hein, who thinks of himself as a modern day Scandinavian da Vinci. An original poster of the Marx Brothers, advertis-ing Duck Soup, was presented to Ephraim Kishon, a fanatic reviewer of the Brothers' old

Alan Franks



The still unexplained disappearance of Suzy Lamplugh (left) has led her parents to create a trust aimed at increasing women's self-awareness.

Libby Purves, invited to chair the first seminar after her Times article "What's so special about Suzy?", reports on the meeting

he iron calm of Diana Lamplugh is extraordinary. Less than four months ago her daughter Suzy vanished during the course of a routine appointment with a client of the estate agency where she worked. The police search has oow been scaled down, and after several unpleasant calls out to check the identity of other bodies, Suzy's family still has oo idea of her whereabouts and no illusions about the things that might have happened to women who have

Yet this week there was her mother, oo a platform at the Royal Society of Medicine, with her husband and other daughter in the audience, talking calmly about the missing girl and even dispassionately analysing the possible lack of self-awareness which led to trouble. "Suzy was lively, attractive," she said, "especially appealing when she was excited. When she was trying to sell something she would be very attractive - but still have oo idea of how a man might react to her. She was doing a job, without regard for the fact of being female".

The audience listened attentively, This was a unique seminar, set up by Mrs Lampingh as a sounding-board before the official launch, next mooth, of the Suzy Lampingh Trust. She has conceived the trust as an educational service, which would research the best ways of protecting women in the workplace without encroaching on their liberty and

equality.

It would also distribute teaching aids to schools and colleges concern-ing something she calls "self-awareness": not self-defence in a crude, physical sense, but knowing how to make yourself less vulnerable.

She has also a fighting light in her eye when she talks of employers who use attractive young women in selling roles yet "have a vested interest in keeping their employees unaware of the risk".

With this in mind she and her collaborators - many of whom she met during her own career as a leacher and writer oo exercise and relaxation — set up the seminar. There were about a hundred people there, medical and psychological, police, professional and personnel officers from all over the country. The meeting was oot intended for the press and the only reason I can report t, with Diana Lamplugh's blessing, is, hat I was the chairman. I had been

invited to chair it because she approved of an article I wrote about the underlying public attitudes to the Suzy case.

Beneath the slightly academic tone of the meeting lay the consciousness of certain savage, uncivilized and irreducible facts: that some men are predators, and that even a weakish man can overpower a strongish woman. Inspector Sue Best of the Metropolitan Police pleaded for women to "understand how vulnerable we are", yet to exude bold off-putting confidence in dangerous situations. A ourse in the audience said quietly that she had "been mugged twice this year already. Something you can never get across to people is the surprise. I was paralysed with shock." A health visitor reminded us of her colleague, recently murdered.

One of the most powerful allies of the trust is Tony Black, recently retired from many years as clinical psychologist at Broadmoor. He made a brave attempt at identifying, simply, the types of male aggressor: the "pathetic botcher" - in search of love but unable to find it, replacing it with sexual attacks and brief fits of violent anger at being rejected and feared or the man motivated by harred and a desire to dominate, often in response to some ancient slight. "Competent, assured professional women," he observed mildly, "might well come into the category of woman he wishes to punch and humiliate."

n the andience, young solicitors and surveyors, dressed for suc-cess, stirred uneasily, recogniz-ing the truth of a situation which could face them any day. The men listened closely, but said little. Strategies for survival were out-

lined trenchantly by Charles Longdon-Hughes, a former world karate champioo who teaches the sport at Suzy Lamplugh's old school. He attacked the concept of "selfdefence courses" as being too little, and too lightly taken. Run away, was his message. "We're socialized into looking after property," he said, "doing our job under any circumstances. We've got to learn to look after our life first. I do. Someone jumps into my car at the lights, I jump out the other door. I can always get another car."

Longdoo-Hughes agreed that women - anxious to please, keen to get on in their careers in a man's world - were easy prey for attackers to lead into vulnerable situations.



Putting grief to good use: Suzy Lamplugh's parents, Diana and Paul

"Look, I know how women feel," he cootinued. "I'm black, I know how it is to think you've got be better than anyone else to succeed. But you've got to learn to understand risk, and get out quick."

When it came to what path the trust should take, the meeting offered a choice, ranging from the hard-line limited-target approach of the man from the National Association of Estate Agents - the attack must be directed at employees and their following of our safety leaflet instructions" - to the broad social changes proposed by Professor Brian Groombridge of Loodon University. He bravely talked about our oeed to form "an analogue of chaperonage. Not actual chaperons - oot anything which would throw away 50 years of women's progress - but an equivalent of chaperoning. We may be talking about street-lighting, about the environment; we may be talking about anti-sexist education."

He cited the M4 rapist, John Steed, and his compulsive bodyhuilding and passion for fast cars as being part of

"a rapist culture". It seemed a significant moment,

that; this was no audience of leftish,

feminist thinkers or anti-sexist campaigners; this was at least 60 per cent moderate, probably rightish, affluent Home Counties England. But an England worried enough, after the disappearance of Suzy Lamplugh, to listen at last to phrases like "rapist culture" with some humility.

"This is not frivolous," Groombridge said, "but we have one educational resource in the field of self-protection which has recently occurred to me, and we doo't exploit it yet: prostitutes. They have someimportant to teach other women. If any group of women knows a thing or two about funny men and dangerous situations, they do. We should enlist their experience." And, he added, "We do have to change men. That's essential."

Diana Lamplugh was happy with the meeting. "I suppose it began as something just for myself," she said, to pull something worthwhile out of the most horrendous experience. But now I've talked to so many people, can see that even if Suzy walked back through the door tomorrow, the trust would have to go on."

Christmas, and a

draw which of-

fers, amongst other prizes, n weekend for two

in Bavaria. For

Screen benefits

of a breast cancer screen programme in this country tend to focus on the number of lives that could be saved. Although studies have yet to establish that younger women would benefit, experts agree that if all 50 to 74-year-old vomen in the country were nffered regular X-ray mammography, 2,000 lives could be saved each year.

But this week two doctors rom Sweden, where pioneering research has been done, told a meeting in London that there were other important

MEDICAL BRIEFING

benefits of screening. Doctors Bengt Lundgren and Anders Helleberg, from the Swedish county of Gavle, said that because regular screening al-lows cancers to be detected earlier, treatment need not be so aggressive.
When routine screening was

first offered in Gavle in 1975, only 11 per cent of all cancers detected were so-called stage 1 or small, localized tumours. Nearly 90 per cent were advanced cancers which re-quired treatment such as mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

as "inadequately fit". Sixty per cent of the staff thought

per cent of the stati thought they were relatively active but in fact only 28 per cent spent any of their leisure time in "fairly streamous activities" such as swimming or jogging, and just 6 per cent did any yearly streamous granties such

really strenuous exercise such as cycling for sport or playing squash or football. Activity at

work wasn't related to fitness

But the study did show that

those who do exercise are fitter

and healthier and that cyclists

do particularly well, gaining a 12 per cent advantage over those wha don't cycle.

A report in the British

Journal of Occupational Medicine says that as a group those why cycled were as fit as

others five years younger than themselves and those who cycled regularly gained a healthy 10 years on the fitness

Now more than 70 per cen of tumours detected are stage 1. The result: by 1985, 60 per cent of the women in the county with breast cancer needed only to have the lump removed and no more than 28 per cent had to have a mastectomy. No patient had to have post-operative radiotherapy.

British surgeons who were present at the meeting were not convinced that the Swedes' gentie approach would work. But Dr Helleberg told the meeting that very few of the women tested in this way had had a recurrence of breast cancer which could not be treated - and the majority of these probably had more widespread disease than orig-inally thought.

Young eyes



that children should have their eyes checked for the first time when they are about three-and-a-half years old. But specialists are beginning to suspect that, in some cases, this may be too late and that some defects may not be correctable at that age, but would be if the children were treated earlier.

Five years ago a big screening programme began in Cambridge and Bristol. So far 6,000 bables, aged six to nine months, have had their eyes tested.

Dr Janette Atkinson, from Cambridge University's visual development unit says the study has shown that those children who have retractive errors (long or short-sightedness) as babies are highly likely to still have the problem at three-and-a-half. But if spectacles are used in the first year the child is far more likely to have nearnormal vision three years

Wheel thing

Cycling is one of the best ways to keep fit, according to sports science specialists at the University of Birmingham. They studied nearly 1,400 factory workers from Cadbury Schweppes's Bournville plant to see just how fit they were and how much exercise they

The overall results were perhaps not unexpectedly -disappointing. Most of those tested could only be described

Stick stuck



ing ready for the party season should be warned of a "new and potentially

serious hazard associated with the hasty ingestion of martinis (or Gibsons)", as reported in the New England Journal of Medicine.
Daniel Malamud, a PhD

student at Pennsylvania University, downed his Gibson (gin, ice, essence of vermouth, and several cocktail onions on a flat wooden toothpick) rather too quickly. The toothpick lodged in his throat and when he tried to cough it up it stuck in the back of his nose. It took a trip to the emergency room and some adroit work with forceps to

Double-checking on polio



▼ Doctors from the Central Public Health Laboratory have warned school-leavers to be sure to have a polio booster. Concern that the level of immunity to poliomyelitis might not be high enough in some sections of the community led Dr Phillipa White and Dr Jonathan Green to test nearly 1,000 people including babies and the very old - for immunity. They found that 98 per cent of people were protected against at least one

of the three main polio viruses and that 77 per cent had adequate protection against all three. But by the time children reach the ages of eight to 15, their immunity to polio virus - Type 3 in particular - was on the

Oral polio vaccines are safe for the person being inoculated: they contain live polio virus which has been treated to make it non-virulent. But sometimes a newly vaccinated person will excrete polio virus which has reverted to its virulent form, especially with polio virus Type 3. Those with poor Type 3 immunity risk catching the disease from someone who has recently been vaccinated. Older teenagers have better Type 3 immunity than eight to 15-year-olds, but the associated risk makes a booster vaccination important.

Lorraine Fraser

From Deidre Y. MacKay MCSP, Rhodes Cottage, Little Budworth,

Your report Women's Woe (Medical Briefing, October 24) highlighted the "clearingup-the-mess" attitude to stress incontinence so prevalent in medical circles.

But pelvic floor exercises performed regularly several times a day during pregnancy; the wearing of lightweight support if the mother's abdom-inal muscles cannot cope unaided with the growing bulk and weight of the uteros in the last three months of preg-nancy; birth in an opright

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dilation of the birth canal instead of delivery in a reclining position where the mother struggles and strains to get the baby ont; the judicious prescribing of homeopathic remedies where suitable, and finally progressively stronger pelvic floor exercises after the birth can all help to reduce the currently vast number of women (about 37 per cent of whom have had at least one baby) suffering from stress

What a pity the doctors so

underestimate the help of physiotherapists.

From Catherine Mitchell Haworth Hall, Beverley Road, Hull

I read Married To Affairs Of State (Wednesday Page, November 5) with interest. It seemed to take for granted that there were no women high-fliers or even male diplomatic husbands. Is this truly

the case? I do hope not. I do not mean that I would like to see men traipsing to the four corners of the globe after their wives, but surely there must be some examples of a

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Relearning the drill

Who says PHS plays but a peripheral role in the great affairs of state? I learn from John Bercow, chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students, that this very column was instrumental in Norman Tebbit's action disbanding it. "The feeling in Central Office was that the decision not simply to send a get-well card to General Pinochet of Chile (after the assassination attempt in September) but to publicize it in the Times Diary really was the last straw," he tells me. (For my part, I cannot see the point of the FCS sending the telegram if did not make it public). Meanwhile, I am told that down at Smith Square the FCS's sober successor, the Conservative Collegiate Forum, is recalling many a tin of blanco and miserable afternoons spent square-basbing. For public schooboys the initials CCF will always stand for Combined Cadet

Left turn

Smart Holland, Labour's overseas development spokesman, has re-signed from the left-wing Cam-paign group of MPs only weeks-after his name was omitted from its shadow cabinet slate. In a resignation letter, quoted in this week's *Tribune*, Holland accuses Campaign members of no longer wishing to support "diverse or even new" viewpoints. "Too many members draw lines each week and ask who stands on the left of them." he says. Holland, still a member of the rival Tribune group, can take cheer from the comments of Clare Short, who bears the yoke of belonging to both Tribune and Campaign. Dual membership, she once observed, meant double the membership fees, twice the number of boring meetings and "twice the abuse

• Paper Handling Ltd's inspired choice of name for its new range of paper-shredders: The Whitehall.

Revved up

It seems a long time since Hell's Angels were the greatest threat known to man's kneecaps but after yesterday's beadlines they are obviously making a comeback. Terry Purser, a Margate trader, has taken exception to a Hill Samuel advertisement warning that uowise investors "could end up in Margate not the Seychelles" He says that unless Hill Samuel apologizes be will buy £100 of shares and invade its annual meeting "accompanied by a bunch of 30 shareholding Hell's Angels who will drink the place dry".

Streetwise

Say bill eva hea the tie:

London supendiary magistrate Eric Crowther writes in the cur-Association magazine of a woman convicted of soliciting who asked for time to pay her fine. "How long do you need?" asked the bench. "About 20 minutes should do," Crowther swears she replied.

Camden gloss

The housing benefit office of London's left-controlled Camden council offers a most unlikely choice of reading. There was no Morning Star nr New Statesman available the other day - just Vogue and Harpers & Queen.

BARRY FANTONI



But there's no mention of pensation for injuries caused by broken election promises'

Contortions

London Regional Transport has banned an advertisement for the game Trivial Pursuit from tube trains because it was "likely to offend pasengers". The mock questions and answers which were to have appeared in the ad are indeed too smutty for me to repeat bere. But I think they could probably have got away with What part of their anatomy do 34 million Americans secretly bite? Answer: Their toenails.

Political palates

My quest for dishes you would serve our leading politicians sbould they turn up oo your doorstep has found its way into the real world in a book called A Taste of Fame, in which sundry top people reveal their favourite food. I envisaged the Davids -Owen and Steel - fighting over a plate of bubble and squeak. Io fact, the former goes for kidneys and the latter for Welsh rarebit. Sir Geoffrey Howe has forgone my choice of Cabinet puddiog in pursuit of a (non-political) hotpot. Europhile Ted Heath has spurned my sour grapes for French onion soup. And the Iron Lady has rejected my bully beef for a plate of chicken — served cold.

Arms: a message for Reagan

by David Steel

A year ago I became one of the first patrons of the Nuclear Weap-nns Freeze Movement, which aims to halt the testing, produc-tioo and deployment of nuclear weapons as a first step to general arms reductions. A lot has hap-

Most significant was the Reykiavik summit at which the two superpowers agreed to a 50 per cent cut in strategic weapons, the total removal of intermediate weapons (Cruise, Pershing 2 and SS2Os) from Europe, and to steps towards a comprehensive test han This fell on the stumbling block of a full testing and development programme for President Reag-an's Strategic Defence Initiative.

pened since then.

Nevertheless, a useful frame-work for a future treaty has been established. Accordingly, when Mrs Thatcher sees the President tomorrow, she should stress the European reservations about Star Wars and emphasize the risks posed by new technologies to much of the potential progress that the summit promised

Indeed, the major failing of previous Salt agreements was their concentration on the numbers of weapons to the virtual exclusion of restrictions on the qualitative improvements taking place at the same time. Unfortunately these improvements led to fears on each

As little as a year ago it would have

seemed inconceivable that Nor-

man Tebbit, Tory Party chairman

and darling of the right, would have expelled from the party the

young gorillas of the right, the Federation of Conservative Stu-

dents. Yesterday Tories - of all

shades of blue - were still

uncertain exactly why he had

The fiercely Thatcherite FCS was certainly capable of embarr-

assing the Tory establishment -

their elders and wetters, as they

liked to call them. There was the infamous rumpus in 1985 at their

annual conference in Lough-borough when the party had to pay

out £1,391 in reparations for the

damage they had caused to halls of residence. There was the still

greater embarrassment earlier this year when an FCS magazine published an article accusing Har-nld Macmillan of "war crimes"

over the repatriation of Ukrainian

prisoners to the Soviet Union.

The FCS had become notorious

for espousing ridiculous policies (decriminalized incest, legalized heroin, privatizing the Royal Family) alongside more sober

libertarian proposals - major

increases in privatization and help

for the Nicaraguan contras.

But against this the party leader-

ship had to set the undoubted

power of the FCS in recruiting hard-working Conservative ac-tivists in the universities. The FCS

was also seen by many oo the

party right as a useful counter-

weight to the leftish Young Conservatives, While the FCS has

given its support to Tebbit and Mrs Thatcher, the YCs have been dominated by the influence of Peter

Perhaps the most dangerous

argument of all against removing the party's backing from the organization was the smack of authoritarianism behind it. At the

same time as attacking the intol-erance of "the fascist left" and the

anti-democratic practices of trade.

unions, the party could be seen as

attempting to snuff out intellec-

tual dissent within its own ranks

and replacing the democratically

elected FCS national committee

with a hand-picked body to be

known as the Conservative Colle-

So why did Tebbit decide to act?

The theory most favoured by the

FCS itself is that this is the climax

of a long-running campaign by their left-wing opponeous to de-stroy their influence in the party.

Douglas Smith, a former vice-

chairman of the federation, claims

that Tebbit has been duped. "There are people in the Young Conservatives and Central Office

who have been gunning for the

giate Forum.

side of a pre-emptive strike. No matter how much the superpowers may protest that they would never strike first, the fact that such a strike may appear technically feasible is bound to increase tensions in peace-time as well as in times of crisis. That is where the concept of a nuclear freeze has a useful role to play. It could build mutual confidence by creating a stable environment in which negotiations for deep cuts could take

That could be agreed at the next Reagan-Gorbachov summit. The superpowers would thereby demonstrate a commitment to arms control and to achieving a new system of common security. Avoiding further development

and deployment of tactical nuclear weapons is particularly important. At present, the Soviet Union has about 14,000 and the USA 12,000 tactical warheads. The increasing sophistication of these weapons encourages military planners to believe that fighting and even winning a limited nuclear war is possible. We must halt these developments while pressing for negotiations on a 150 km tactical

side of the East/West border. In the same spirit, the British government should pursue these policies: • A commitment to maintain a minimum deterrent capacity at a level no greater than that of the current Polaris system, until that too can be negotiated away in return for worthwhile Soviet concessions. The Conservative pro-

not only severely strain our total defence budget but might also block the 50 per cent cuts proposed at Reykjavik. It is essential, then, that Trident be cancelled. We must give a high priority to fostering the disarmament process which, if successful, would mean that our minimum nuclear deterrent could be included in multi-

posal for a massive increase in the

firepower of our deterrent would

lateral disarmament negotiations. With deep cuts in US and Soviet arsenals, and increased political and military coherence in Europe and Nato, the maintenance of our minimum deterrent in the mid to late 1990s might not be required. A high priority must be given to strengthening non-proliferation.
As one of the parties to the
Comprehensive Test Ban talks, the meantime, we should agree voluntarily to a freeze on nuclear

• The government should withdraw its support for the "Star Wars" strategic defence programme. This, in fact, is a programme in search not only of feasibility but also of a strategy. It has succeeded in holding arms control hostage to the myth that an effective defence against ballistic missiles can be developed, and has threatened to break the Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty, the most successful arms control agreement

Britain's subservience to the Reagan view should be replaced by one of an honest, friendly yet critical ally. We must urge the US to negotiate a strengthening of the ABM treaty so that withdrawal from it would require five years'

The true significance of Reyk-javik is still difficult to assess, particularly after the hard words on both sides in the last few days. But we can be certain that what progress there was is unlikely to be consolidated, and certain not sustained, unless those who have dug themselves into a hole just stop

Toby Young gives the background to the Central Office action against the FCS

Why Tebbit shot down his followers



'Well, Kendrick, still think I'm just an alarmist?"

FCS for a considerable time," he

said yesterday.
In support of this claim, Smith, now a research assistant to Neil Hamilton MP, cites the recent rule changes made to the National Union Executive Committee, which presides over the Conservative students. These excluded the right-wing National Association of Conservative Graduates from the committee. In addition to this, Smith alleges that a senior Central Office official recently wrote to two ministers, Mrs Angela Rumbold and Rhodes Boyson, urging them not to speak

at this weekend's annual conference of the right-controlled Greater London Yonog Conservatives. Such facts spell conspiracy to the Machiavellianminded Smith.

An alternative explanation is that Tebbit himself felt that he risked too much embarrassment from the activities of his crstwhile supporters. With the growing impatience at FCS antics within the Tory ranks, their continued presence in Conservative Central Office was felt to be a potential political timebomb for their most publicly identified champion, the that hope into a reality.

party chairman. The theory runs that, far from the wets orchestrating the purge from afar, it was Tebbit's personal decision. The news of yesterday's decision certainly came as a surprise to many senior Central Office figures as well as to the FCS.

Whatever the reason for the withdrawal of party accommoda-tion and funds from the FCS, those who who hope that its militancy will go away may be disappointed. Harry Phibbs, vice-chairman of the FCS and the man chairman of the PCS and the man behind the "war criminal" allega-tions, yesterday made a direct appeal to the Prime Minister, stressing the loyalty of "one of the few party organizations firmly supportive of your policies and your premiership". It is hardly conceivable that Mrs Thatcher would intervene to overrule the party chairman. But it is unlikely to be the last that she and her party will hear from Phibbs. Prospects for harmony between

the various Tory youth factions may not necessarily be improved either. Only last month in Bournemouth a fracas took place when two members of the FCS tried to gatecrash the official reception of the National Young Conservatives and Phibbs was forcibly ejected by Mark Worral, vice-chairman of the Conservative Party Youth Department.

At the previous year's reception several members of the FCS had got into trouble for jostling Ed-ward Heath. "They're just out to cause trouble," said Shirley Stotter, who has the unenviable job of heading the Central Office Yooth Department and who was present at the time.

Much of the responsibility for pouring oil upon these troubled Tory waters now rests with John Bercow, former Chairman of the FCS, who is staying on as Chairman of the Conservative Collegiate Forum, which is to replace it as the Party's student wing. "It took a fair degree of incompetence on behalf of some members of the FCS to alienate the most sympathetic chairman we've ever had." he says. Bercow, who fell out with his National Committee when he condemned Phibbs over the New Agenda affair, welcomes Tebbit's

It is always dangerous to take student politics too seriously. But it may be more misleading to ignore them altogether. The Young Conservatives - in spite of their mainly social reputation -have cataputed large numbers of MPs into Westminster. The FCS hoped to become an equally effective ladder. Some of its leaders will fight on to transform

weapons testing - and encourage the US to do likewise.

Madras Remembrance Sunday in Madras. A nice conjuncture. There is a lot for the British to remember in the city of Clive and Cornwallis. In fact "all our pomp of yesterday" is on ruinous display here. The spacious imperial boulevards, now renamed after obscure Tamil politicians, are potholed, their lofty facades covered with a riot of small shop signs. The big admin-istrative bungalows are par-titioned into mouldering tenem-ents. The monuments of Victorian Madras - the colossal head-quarters of the southern railway (a kind of Indian St Pancras) and the High Court building (a glorious confection of domes and turrets)

are falling to pieces.

The less essential amenities of empire have been swept away with a deliberate hand. The racecourse has been closed for the moral good of the masses, the governor's mansion is a crumbling hostel for impoverished state legislators. The East India Company's magnificent banquetting hall, though still in use by the state establishment, shares its facilities with the Tamil Nadu raffle.

It is a melancholy prospect — but not quite in the way you might suppose. There are worse fates for any civilization than to have its artefacts recycled by its successor. The Indian jungle and the apes reclaimed the imperial relics of the Moguls. It seems better that a jungle tide of humanity should engulf the remains of the British Raj. But what is really saddening is that in Madras the imangible benefits of British India are now being submerged as well.

In Delhi a westernized elite calls the administrative tunes. In the booming economic centres Bombay and Bangalore (India's silicon valley) - a cosmopolitan, modernizing business class is in control. Here in the sleepy south east, as in many other parts of the provinces, the British and American-educated middle class is being shut out from power.

Populist politicians have captured the mass vote by a mixture of charisma, linguistic nationalism and ruthless machine politics. Priorities have changed. Free food comes before buildings and roads and adequate power supply. Educational opportunity comes before standards. The peasant takes precedence over the urban poor. This can be seen to be an inevitable and even a desirable stage in Indian development. Cer-tainly it is politically effective.

In the state of Tamil Nadu it does not matter that the chief minister, an ex-film star called M.G. Ramachandran, has had a stroke and can barely communicate, that a lot of his ministers are stupid and some corrupt, that the Madras business community is in despair. The present state government will win the next election with a landslide.

The trouble is that under this kind of regime the economic future is mortgaged to the political needs of the present. The fact that the past is also sold up would not matter so much, except that in India the recent past - Western

Lingering echoes of the Raj modernization - is also the key to the economic future. The intellectual remnants of the Raj are the foundation on which their future will be built - if the foundation and its custodians survive. And are they surviving? Does... life still stir in these ruins? Come with me to the Armistice Day Service at St Mary's, the 17th century garrison church of Fort St George, the old seat of British. government in Madras. It is a :wonderfully odd occasion - part still very British. A harassed English clergyman, clearly an ardent member of the peace movement, leads us rejuctantly through a heavily bowdlerized service from which all reference to the possibility of a just war has been firmly removed and a hymn of his. own devising about "the mud-splashed slums of Madras and the rubble of Vietnam" inserted (to the tune of Cwm Rhondda). The British deputy high commissioner and the German consul general.

read the lessons.

A great cloud of British-Indian witnesses looks down on the proceedings from the memorials on the walls — Colonel Neill who died in 1832 "from the effects of a coup de soleil", Josiah Webbe (1770-1804) "whose extensive knowledge of the Eastern languages fowarded his riser to statement of high trust where his tions of high trust where his: ambition was fired to exalt the honour and interests of his, country", Major Langley RE, "who died from injuries received in an encounter with a tiger", the Rev Christian Gericke, "destined to labour in a peculiar vineyard. (that of the conversion of the

But the church is full to overflowing. The path is lined by indian girl guides in full rig. Two Indian civilians wearing Second World War medals lay vast! wreaths. The Indian garrisoo commander leads a prayer. An Indian: professor gives the sermon and quotes from Wilfred Owen. And... we all, both British and Indian, listen in silence to the Last Post and sing Abide With Me.

Follow now to a big party at an .. Indian house the same night. With. only half a dozen exceptions the guests are middle-class Indians. Much whisky and gin and tonic. Much talk of recent trips abroad and of children in Britain and the .. United States. Many shrugs and curses at the state of Tamil Nada...

The room is called to order. It is to be a musical evening, a singsong. Sheets are handed round. Acharming Indian musician (whose first name is Handel because his is father had heard Messiah the night. before he was born) seats himself at the electric organ and for the next hour plays a string of English and American tunes. Everyone bursts into song - The Lincolnshire Poacher, Suwannee River, Get Me to the Church on Time.

Suddenly we turn a page and 'swing into Pack Up Your Troublesin Your Old Kit Bag and It's Long.
Way to Tipperary. I have a feeling that Wilfred Owen and Major.
Langley RE, and even the Rev Gericke, would be pleased.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Sleuthing beside the Tiber

In Paris they sometimes have fierce arguments over whether the banks of the Seine should be for cars or people. In Rome they have come to a pleasant compromise; there are no cars or people on the banks of the Tiber, or at least there were none last Saturday afternoon as we strolled along the huge white river walk overhung by graceful plane trees. The only sign of previous human presence at all, apart from the graffiti, was the handbag.
It was a dark blue, quite stylish

handbag, lying on the edge of the river, torn open and all the contents scattered on the ground. It was as if the owner had been searching desperately for a paper tissue or key ring and then, driven frantic by failure, had jumped in the Tiber to end it all. The more we thought about it, the less likely a theory this seemed. What seemed much more likely, judging by the way the strap had been torn loose and the lining ripped open, was that a thief had grabbed the handbag and come down to the Tiber to inspect the contents at his eisure, and dump the residue. There certainly seemed to be

nothing of value among the cards and documents strewn on the grass: no money, or passports. On the other hand, would the cards not be valuable to the owner? Are not even receipts and permits irreplaceable? Would it perhaps be good idea to find out who . .? I don't think I have ever before

been in the position of looking through a person's portable secrets, attempting to do a police reconstruction job. Once you have picked up the first few pieces, you can't help going on. You feel involved, sucked into someone else's life. Her name was Birgitte Promeil. She was about 30, bespectacled, plainish, with long, dark hair, which it did not take a Sherlock Holmes to deduce because her photograph was on every student card And she had been a student for a long time; there were college identity cards from London, Tel Aviv, Madrid and Germany, the earliest dated

That she seemed to be still a student was suggested by an on good terms with her handbag.

exercise book with about 20 pages: filled in with first steps in Italian. So, she had come to Rome to learn Italian. One of the identity cards gave her nationality as French, though this did not seem likely; Birgitte is not a French name. unless it's a misspelt Brigitte, and she had written in the exercise book "cattivo = schlecht". If she were French, would she not have written "cattivo = mauvais"?

She had come from Munich to Rome via Florence (a rail ticket receipt) and had not been well in Munich (a sick pay voucher and hospital appointment card). There was a Munich address and a German parking permit. The onlything missing was any clue as to her whereabouts in Rome. My heart sank at the idea of handing itall in to the police, who would make me fill up endless forms and even suspect me of the crime. And then, previously unseen, there; fluttered out a scrap of paper with the address of the YWCA in the Via Cesar Balbo. This was infuriating What I

really wanted to do was leave the whole lot lying there. Now I had a clue as to where she might be staying, and a Good Samaritan. would go rushing off to the. YWCA. I would describe my. attitude as that of a Grudging, Bad-Tempered Samaritan.

"Yes," said the YWCA con-cierge, "we do have a Birgitte Promell here. I'll get her down for you." The concierge was strict and... unjoyful. So were all the other girls wandering around, and so was Birgitte Promell when she appeared, until she saw her handbag. Then it was shricks of delight and. Oh look, there's my rail ticket. She; would not have been quite so delighted if she had known how nearly I left it on the river bank, or how thoroughly I had rooted through her life story. I wanted to ask her why she had falsely put her. nationality down as French, why she had been in hospital, why on earth she had gone on being a mature student for ten years and wasn't it about time she grew up.

and did something? But you can't ask a person things like that, when you're only

Shotgun marriage alive and thriving

Paris In cohabitational France, who directs foreign policy? For the past week Jacques Chirac, the prime minister, has dominated the world headlines with his forthright commentary in the Washington Times on France's Middle East policies, suspicions over the deal behind the return of two more French hostages from Beirut and his public tributes to Syria less than 24 hours after approving Britain's, admittedly fairly mild, anti-Syrian package of measures.

Where has President Mitterrand been meanwhile? Does he approve of all that has been going on? Did be have a hand in them? Mitterrand has said not a word about these particularly sensitive issues, though he had not hesitated to criticize other aspects of the government's policies.

In an interview with this week's Le Point magazine, Mitterrand speaks for the first time since the right-wing election victory in March about his conception of the relative powers and duties of president and prime minister, insisting notably that the president has a pre-eminent role in foreign policy and defence.

Was it to check Chirac's increasingly audacious sallies into both those areas that he chose to reassert his authority in this way? The interview marks a definite hardening of his views from before the election, when he spoke of fireign policy being a divided responsibility. In the Le Point interview he now argues that "the person whn has the ultimate responsibility for the use of our arms and thereby the decision on which the fate of the country depends is the head of state. He PHS must therefore logically fix the broad options for national

defence . . . Of course, the prime minister and the government play a large part in the initiative . . On foreign policy he insists that the constitution bestows on him certain duties which entail certain rights - and on essential matters these are "pre-eminent."

Mitterrand goes on to claim, however, that there was little problem between himself and the government over foreign policy, which was continuing in the same basic direction on Europe, the Atlantic alliance, the Arab countries, and Africa. The early disagreements over South Africa, Chad and the US "Star Wars" programme had been ironed out (in Mitterrand's favour). "I do not complain when I see the prime minister developing with great dynamism the policies which suit me," he says. On the other hand, he insists that the government isentirely responsible for domestic

Even before the elections, Mitterrand always said that he would "allow the government to govern" while insisting that he would not remain "inert". He has done just that. He has not harried or obstructed the government as much as he could have done, although he has set down certain markers of disapproval: on privatization, new constituency boundaries, changes to the redundancy laws, the excessive use of the guillotine procedure in parliament, the proposed reform of the nationality code - all ready for cashing into electorial votes when

the time comes. Many predicted that, far from cohabitating, Chirac and Mitterrand would be involved in headon clashes, leading to government paralysis and weakening France's voice abroad. But they have



his loss of power

shown that cohabitation can work. Largely that has been due to Mitterrand's unexpected willingness to change virtually overnight from an absolute sovereign with more power than any other western leader into a constitutional monarch deprived of virtually all real executive power save that of dissolving parliament and pressing the nuclear button.

Mitterrand appeared to realize sooner than his opponents that he had no option. No longer having a majority in parliament or controlliog the natioo's purse strings, he could not block government actions; at best be could only delay them. Better, therefore, to submit graciously and bide his time, with an occasional public protest to show he is still there.

His first public criticism of the government caused consternation, and when he refused to sign the government's decree on privatization in July there was excited talk of a crisis and early presideotial elections. But by the time Mitterrand refused to sign the government's decree on the new

constituency boundaries in September there was scarcely a murmur. Jacques Tonbon, the normally outspoken general sec-retary of the Gaullist RPR, said he would lose no sleep since the government could push the mea-sure through parliament in the form of a bill, which it did.

form of a bill, which it did.

The French people appland the semblance of political harmony induced by cohabitation; 78 per cent, according to opinion polls, hope that it will last until the next presidential election in 1988. Both Mitterrand and Chirac are riding high in popularity esteem. Not since de Gaulle came to power in 1958 has France appeared so

Indeed, some people are beginning to believe that the electorate has enjoyed the experience so much that they will try it again, either by voting in another leftwing president and giving him a right-wing majority in parliament, OF VICE VETSE.

Will cohabitation leave its mark on France even if it does not cootinue? Mitterrand believes and hopes so. Under the Third and Fourth Republics, he says, the president had too little power and under the Fifth too much. "The present situation is sketching out, with a lot of groping around, an approach which will remain even if the president and parliamentary majorities coincide again."

Others disagree. They believe that power will swing right back to the president as soon as he has his own majority in parliament again. They cannot see men like Chirac or Raymond Barre being willing, if elected president, to appoint as prime minister anyone not prepared to do their bidding.

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THE BOBBY'S RETURN

The nineteenth-century writer, Alexander Herzen, remarked that while seeing a policeman in Russia had an effect like a tile falling on one's head, in England the same sight surprisingly increased one's sense of security. Broadly, the observation remains true today. In spite of the ferment of dehate about policing in Britain over the last fifteen years, public trust in the police remains high.

But it has shown signs of wear and tear in recent years. Paradoxically, that change has taken place just as evidence emerges - some of it in our series on the police this week that a very long and gradual change in police attitudes is hringing some small rewards. That change is commonly called "community policing", although it would be better described as a massive process of police adjustment to postwar social changes.

The years preceding the First World War saw a sharply rising crime rate. A relatively stable period followed until the steady rise of the last thirty years. During that last phase the police found themselves under pressure from accelerating social and cultural change. They themselves were coping with technological change, abandoning foot patrolling for panda cars, mastering elec-tronic systems. Social work done informally by parents, teachers and policemen began to be distributed among increasingly specialised agencies: probation departments, psychologists and community

In more recent years, economic recession has tautened social tensions. The defects of the public housing of the sixties have become more and more obvious. Prisons and the criminal justice system have, with rising crime, become seriously overloaded. The last two decades have seen the recurrence of three kinds of policing problem which are familiar to history but which had been absent in the previous twenty years; terrorism, major public order disturbances and small areas of poverty and misery which effectively do not wish to be policed.

Any one of these pressures would have produced strain inside police forces which tend to change only slowly. Taken together they have meant that Britain's policemen have been suffering a prolonged transitional phase of their history. The last fifteen years have seen them slowly rethink their relationship with the public something effected while political debates raged outside

the forces themselves. What some policemen, and not a few politicians, condemned as trendy or soft goes deeper than a superficial style of policing. The fundamental, constant objective of upholding the law has to be reached by routes which are fitted to the society which is being policed. The police have rediscovered - that they cannot succeed without a close and sensitive connection to the communities they are in.

Much of the tension between police and inhabitants in inner-city areas with high crime rates has arisen in the past from the police's inability to know enough about who is actually committing crime. Operation Swamp, which preceded the Brixton riots of 1981, was a classie example of the police infuriating the public in a random sweep for criminals they could not identify and few of whom were caught. Community policing is one route to better detective work.

A very different kind of policing issue has made prominent headlines more receotly. There has been a steady series of controversies over special task forces trained to respond to emergencies and sudden disturbances. The riots of 1981 saw the development of physical protection for policemen. This appeared to undermine the renewed emphasis on personal communication with the public. Similarly the miners strike raised the unattractive possibility of a nationallycontrolled police force.

Important as these are and have been, they are secondary to the necessary and beneficial developments described above, Energies and resources should not be diverted from the most important changes of all - and they are not finished.

small network of bilateral

deals to cover as many of the

partners as possible. Such

agreements have already been

signed with Belgium, the

Netherlands, West Germany

and Luxembourg and would

seem to be working reasonably

well. Since the hilateral deal

with Holland in 1984, the

cheaper fares have already

brought increased business,

with 17 new services - seven

of them on new routes. Twenty

new services, 13 of them on

new routes, have been started

between Britain and West

Germany over a similar pe-

reluctant to abandon aviation

protectionism altogether,

might still be willing to do so

in respect of an individual

country - particularly if that

other country were Britain,

one of the chief agitators in the

movement for open com-

petition. From their point of

view, they would be huying off

British pressure. Meanwhile

from the British perspective, it

would open the prospect of

cheaper air travel for Britain's

own consumers. Moreover, it

would increase the demand

from husinessmen throughout

Europe for a total overhaul of

the system. At worst it would

mean some improvement

while the Commission gets its

lengthy legal action under way.

Further advances are now

overdue and this country

should promote them by what-

Countries which might be

EUROPE GROUNDED

Europe stalled badly on the issue of air rights this week and now looks unlikely to recover before Britain relinquishes its seat at the controls in seven weeks time. Of all the areas in which the Government had hoped to make some progress during its six months in the presidency, this one had looked the most promising. The failure of Transport Ministers to make the necessary headway at their Brussels meeting is therefore all the more depressing

They have made some progress. On the question of snaring out auru instance, the ministers voted 10-2 in favour of the British proposal, while on that of access to routes the voting was 9-3. With majority voting hortly to be introduced on issues concerning the internal market, such margins might raise hopes that the end of protectionism in the skies above Europe is nigh. But on the issue which matters most. that of price-fixing, the Community split down the middle, with France, Greece, Denmark, Italy, Portugal and Spain all opposing reform.

They were debating, more-over, a set of proposals which represented only a very modest compromise. On the sharing of husiness between any two countries, for instance, the package would have ended the present cosy 50-50 airlines deal - but only just. On the issue of tariffs, the Twelve were confronted with a proposal to remove the present restrictions on discount fares - restrictions which effectively exclude businessmen. Both were voted down.

If Europe cannot agree on reforms as cautious as these, Europe is never going to agree on anything. Indeed some more radical critics of the present price-fixing system took a perverse delight in seeing the package rejected, on the ground that it was hardly worth having. In their view it was tactically better to let the European Commission carry out its threat to take airlines to court for transgressing the anti-protectionism rules in the Treaty of Rome.

This is not the view of the British Government which holds that the way forward lies through a state-by-stage approach. Talks will now take place to establish whether the remaining gaps can be closed in time for the next council meeting in mid-December. Such optimism is based partly on the belief that if only France can be persuaded, the Mediterranean powers will fol-

That sounds over-sanguine. The chances of getting the Community to commit itself to an "open skies" policy before the end of the year now look remote. So where does one go from here?

The most sensible course for Britain would be to extend its ever means it can.

THE RATING GAME

The abolition of local rates in Scotland, confirmed as part of this year's legislative programme in the Queen's Speech, will provide an invaluable controlled experiment for the later reform of the rating system in England and Wales. It has been on the political agenda for at least ten years.

The report of the Layfield Committee published in 1976, went over the ground in exhaustive detail, and follow-ing the pledge to abolish the rates in the Conservatives' 1979 manifesto the ground was thoroughly retilled during Mrs Thatcher's first term. On the eve of the 1983 election rate reform was dropped in favour of abolition of the GLC, hut the disagreeable politics of local government have forced it back on to the agenda in the present Parliament.

Scotland is going first because the rating revaluation north of the border focussed political discontent there most sharply. The Government concluded that anything was better than a system which imposed that kind of political penalty. Whether ministers will still think that way once the restricted tax base of the rates is replaced by a universal community charge remains to

be seen. Responses to Government's green paper on rate reform published at the

beginning of this year have been almost uniformly hostile to the concept of a flat rate poll tax. Comments were due to be with the Department of the Environment by the end of last month, and so far as England and Wales are concerned the Environment Secretary, Mr Nicholas Ridley, now has the task of pondering what changes, if any, he should make to the original proposals.

As a principle, greater accountability in local government has a great deal to commend it. It is partly the lack of it which has forced the Government, in another piece of legislation announced in the Queen's Speech, to impose an obligation on councils to put more of their services out to private tender. Although the hurden of rates may be felt much more widely than simply hy the householders who are legally liable - for instance by adult members of their families - a flat rate amount per head clearly spreads attention on the costs of local councils' decisions more widely. Minds are likely to be further concentrated by the proposed reduction in the proportion of rate bills

covered by housing benefit. Equally clearly, however, there are considerable difficulties in imposing a tax on people who did not pay one before. While those who are least well able to pay will continue to be supported by the safety net of social security, the community charge is also likely to be more regressive than rates. For all their manifest failings, rates are more elosely linked to ahility to pay than a flat-rate charge. And the more one looks at the practical difficulties of collecting the tax, the greater they seem. For instance, how should the charge be levied on people who spend much of their time moving between different parts of the country?

All these questions Mr Ridley will have to weigh. In particular, he will need to consider how quiekly the changeover between rates and the community charge should take place. In Scotland a fixed period of three years is proposed. In England and Wales the transitional period is much more open-ended. This is partly because the range of spending between different authorities is much larger than in Scotland.

If big differentials in the charge are politically acceptable, as the logic of the reform demands, then there is much to be said for following the Scottish pattern and compressing the changeover period as much as possible. Without a firm framework, some authorities will seize the opportunity to minimise any increase in accountability while maximising the political agony of reform.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the antibody present but have no elinical symptoms and may never develop the full Aids syndrome, and in those who will develop this

lethal condition there is as yet no

therapy to cure it.

There is no solution to this

syndrome at present other than prevention. As with previous viral

epidemics the answer is in the development of an effective vac-cine and in this end most money should be channelled. Concentra-tion of paoents and research

personnel and equipment should

ideally be centralised, perhaps in a

national hospital set in one of our

closed hospitals like St. George's,

Hyde Park Corner.
For the population at risk most attention should be devoted to

ensuring that those who have

transient sexual relationships of all kinds know of the dangers they

may encounter and that informa-

tion about Aids is on display and

given with cootraceptive mea-

sures wherever they are obtained. Yours faithfully.

Wbetber Mr Tehbit has

honoured the constitutional convention or hreached it de-

pends upon whether he is per-ceived (by BBC goveroors and hy the public and Parliament) as speaking as a Cahinet minister or

But, if you are clothed in the

rich ermine of ministerial office,

you can hardly expect to be seen as

King's College Hospital, Deomark Hill, SE5.

only as party chairman.

naked except for your hat.

Yours faithfully, TOM U. MEYER,

Lostwithiel, Cornwall.

From Mrs Diana Spearman

Sir, Whether or not one agrees with the particular case which Norman Tebbit argued against the

BBC surely everyone must see that

he has dooe a service to democ-

racy in making people think about the nature of oews-gathering and

It would be a disaster if tele-

visioo and radio news bulletins were accepted as completely ac-

curate and beyond criticism. They are as much dependent oo human

judgement as other sources, and

bias must occur in the selection of

This is part of the buman

coodition, as Tebbit has most

major A levels, say mathematics

and physics, while studying chem-

istry and a modern language at the slightly lower level.

ioeoce beiog given to AS levels suggests the project is doomed

from its inception. While univer-

sities and polytechnics bave given

lip service to AS levels we have already heard admissions tutors,

usually from the older and more

prestigious universities, saying

that they would prefer three

straight A levels, particularly in

the science subjects.
Secondly, the teaching profession, and particularly the unions have become so immersed

in GCSE, possibly because the

proportion of sixth-form teachers

is a relatively small part of the

profession, that AS looks like

being neglected or even ignored. Headmasters and curriculum

planners are unlikely to want to

risk a considerable economic

iovestment in new sixth-form courses in such a lukewarm cli-

mate, which may offer only doubt-

ful beoefits to the pupils for whom

The Kiog's School, Gloucester.

The reality is that all advertising

strives for efficiency in selling,

helping to encourage market

growth and thus keep down product costs. In the absence of

TV and other advertising, both

manufacturer and consumer (not

to menuon retailer) would suffer

and the unit price would be likely

KENNETH MILES, Chairman.

Racing handicaps

The Incorporated Society of Brit-ish Advertisers Limited,

Sir, "These other harses couldn's

beat (Dancing Brave) with a bammer in Europe," said Pat Eddery after his mount finished a

gasping fourth in Santa Anita's

Breeders' Cup. But an hour earlier, France's

Last Tycooo didn't need a ham-

mer, only four hooves to trounce his competition over the same

race course, despite the tight turos,

How can you be English if you

Sincerely, BO GOLDMAN.

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St Helena, CA 94574, USA.

they are responsible.

Headmaster.

to be higher.

November 4.

Yours frithfully

44 Hertford Street. W1.

From Ms Bo Goldman

Yours faithfully. ALAN C. CHARTERS,

However, the lack of prom-

Meadow Bank,

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I remaio etc. Diana SPEARMAN.

7 Lord North Street, SW1.

Lettvn.

E. LEVER,

Avoiding Aids in absence of cure Screening populations at the present time will not pick up those in the latent period before the antibody has developed and will raise anxieties in those who have the artifacture are the transfer of the property of the pro

From Dr E. G. Lever
Sir. To suggest that voluntary
HTLV-3 mass screening would be
an adequate method of combating Aids (leading article, November II), or that compulsory screening would be efficacious, are both inaccurate in the light of our

carrent knowledge.

HTLV-3, the virus known to
cause Aids (acquired immune
deficiency syndrome), is unlike the viruses causing common infec-tions in that it take several months, or more probably years, between the infective event; then the development of a positive blood test indicating that the body has noticed the virus, and a further petiod between this event and the development of suppression of the infected individual's defence system and consequent development of opportunist infection and unusual

malignancies.

We do not know the latent periods with accuracy. We do not know the percentage of patients infected with HTLV-3 who will develop the positive antibody test. Nor do we know the percentage of patients who have a positive antibody test indicating that they have been in contact with the virus who will go oo to develop the Aids syndrome.

BBC under fire

From Mr Tom U. Meyer Sir, For six years, variously under Labour and Conservative Gov-ernments, I headed a Civil Service unit the main function of which was providing advice to ministers on the constitutional aspects of broadcasting and before the dust has settled totally on the Tebbit-BBC battlefield, I wonder whether I may comment upoo one aspect which seems not to have been

given enough attention.
The BBC's and (IBA's) independence of Government in matters of day-to-day running derives not from legal provision or precedent, which would ultimately be matters of judicial interpretation, but, in commoo with most of the natioo's democratie guarantees, from external perception and upoo continuity of practice for their mandate. Isolated departures weaken a convention. Frequent

ones can destroy it.
Virtually since the 1926
Crawford committee oo broadcasting recommended the present constitutional pattern of the BBC, the coovention has been perceived by successive governments as meaning that, whilst a departmental minister could properly intervene about a programme relating to his own departmental responsibility, government as such, as ministers have frequently reiterated, does not intervene in matters of programme content, since such intervention would be uisbable mom ercise by government of some cootrol over the programmes themselves.

Neglected exam?

From the Headmaster of The King's School, Gloucester Sir, The Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board (November 3) makes a timely plea for more effective modern-language teaching in the sixth form for those students taking sciences and other non-linguistic subjects at A level if Britain is to compete successfully in international trade.

English and Welsh sixth forms have now been presented with the opportunity to enlarge the curriculum with the provision of AS levels (half A levels), which are due to begin in 1987. This development could be far more important than the GCSE examinations which, in many ways, may prove to have a limiting effect on the number of subjects studied and will probably do little to alter the current pattern of success rates at GCE O level

and CSE. It will, for instance, go some way to help English sixth-formers to match the number of subjects studied by their counterparts in Germany, France, Japan, the USA and Scotland. One would bope that the prospective engineer might be encouraged to take two

Hole in the roof

From Mr George Breeze Sir, In his article in yesterday's paper (November 8) Bamber Gas-coigne stated that the [British Library Reading Room] dome's glass circle is "weather-proofed" like the Pantheon. The circular opening of the dome of the Pantheon in Rome is unglazed. 1 have seen it rain through the opening. Those who have seen it snow through the opening tell me it is a particularly magical sight. Yours faithfully, GEORGE BREEZE

16 Park Place, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Navember 9.

Advertising on TV From the Director of The Incorporated Society of British Advertis-

ers Limited Sir. Your Special Report yesterday (November 3) oo the 50th birthday of television in Britain covers some interesting ground, but I must take exception in one implication of Peter Waymark's

the bumping in the stretch, the clods of flying grass, the terrible airplane flight, the California heat. article which could be misleading. In talking about the difference between the BBC (funded by licence fee) and ITV (funded by the exhausting European racing campaign, and all the other excuses trainer Guy Harwood trotadvertising) he imples that the consumer pays for advertising on ted out in defence of "Europe's greatest since Mill Reef and ITV and even quotes a figure for one particular product category to suggest that a certain proportion don't know bow to lose gracefully? of the consumer price "goes oo TV

advertising" This imples that if television advertising did not exist, the price of the product would be lower.

Suez factor in defence plans

From Viscount Watkinson, CH Sir. As a past Minister of Defence and the minister in charge of shipping in the Eden Government t must take issue with Sir John Nntt's article on our strategic defence capacity (November 6). It was the lack of capacity to

mount an amphibious operation quickly that did as much as anything to lose us the Suez war. So when in 1959 I became Minister of Defence I was determined that we would learn the military lessons of Suez and have a policy for our defence forces "which would speed up their reaction time and create a mobile military force with a poised capacity to operate from land or sea

In this I found a strong ally in Lord Mountbatten as Chief of the Defence Staff who also remembered Suez.

In this way the assault ships, the small carriers and the Harrier aircraft that were the backbone of the Falklands operation came into being. The concept was tested in the highly successful Kuwait op-eration in 1961 when, at the request of the Ruler of Kuwait, we put a commando ashore at short notice ready for battle and under

our own air cover.

The lesson to be learned from Suez and the Falklands is that given the right equipment and training the British have a particu-lar skill in mounting amphibious operations possessed by no other nation. This is of great value to Nato for the Alliance is most at risk oot in the centre hut on its exposed flanks where a seaboroe

capacity is essential. So I believe that Sir John's policy of 1981 was wrong. Mainland Europe is not where Britain's unique capacity for mobile operaoons is best deployed. We must make our contribution; but our allies are not unaware that, as the Falklands showed, Britain's very special contribution to the defence of the free world lies to that mobile seaborne role that grew out of the Suez failure and was tested and oo the whole not found wanting in the Falklands. Yours siocerely

WATKINSON, Tyma House, hore Road, Bosham, West Sussex November 6.

which piece of oews to put first, Sir, Sir John Nott's article points still more in what to include or what to omit, without any conscious inteotioo of misrepresenta-

up two key ingredients that brought success to the Falklands. as opposed to disaster at Suez. One was the courage and singlemiodedness of the Prime Minister, the second was that, in 1982, Britain bad the support of the United States - coupled with the name of Caspar Weinberger, who (and oot just over the Falklands) proved himself to be a true friend of this country.

Falklands fishing

From Mr Alistair Horne

The Falklands campaign was as Sir John also revealed, an extremely close-run thing. Now, in what to the simple citizen seems like an act of extraordinary and unnecessarily provocative folly, we are threatening to impose a fisheries protectioo zone around the islands.

If this is carried through, we face alienating those countries in Latin America that ought to be our frieods land possibly, oow, Spain as well). We can no longer be assured of unqualified US support over the Falklands, and io two years our very good friend, Caspar Weinberger, will almost certainly

have gone.
Before it is too late, and irreparable damage is done, the Government should seriously reconsider.
Yours faithfully.

ALISTAIR HORNE, 21 St Petersburgh Place, W2. November 8.

Industry gibe From Mr M. T. Heydeman

Sir. Earlier this year, the National Advisory Body for public sector higher education (NAB) planned several economies, including the oeletion of the "O4 programme" - chemistry, physics and food science - from the Reading College of Technology. This proposal drew irate letters from numerous private and public sec-tor research and industrial concerns for miles around.

The courses in this programme are seen as vital for the training, hy part-time study, of their higher technicians in science. The protests, reinforced by the educa-tional arguments and reference to the NAB's transgression of its own stated policy, were firwarded to the NAB by the college. But without avail.

Perhaps in response to outcries like this, the Government then announced increased funding for colleges. However, despite Reading College's renewed pleas, to date the NAB remains adamant that it will destroy these subject areas. Here we have firm, direct links between industry and educatinn, strengthening both, Is HM Secretary of State for Education and Science aware of how his agent, the NAB, is breaking them? If so, how can he justify bis failure to intervene? If not, will he come nut of his ivory tower and walk the real world in which the rest of us live?

Yours faithfully, M. T. HEYDEMAN (Governor, Reading College of Technology) 62 Northcourt Aveoue, Reading.

November 4.

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ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 14 1851

The opening of a telegraph under the Channel joined London to other Continental capitals, which were already linked overland. The

were aiready linked overland. The Times commented: "It is wonderful to reflect that while the great ships 'reel to and fro and stagger like drunken men', far, far beneath their keels, amid the wrecks of former days, the current of thought is evenly flowing on without disturbance..." The Duke of Wellington (1769-1852) was attending the Harbour Sessions ceremony in his capacity Sessions ceremony in his capacity as Lord Warden of the Cinque

THE SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH

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Great interest had been excited by the announcement made in the columns of The Times of the 10th inst, that the Submarine Telegraph Company would be prepared to trensmit communications between the towns of Dover and Calais on Thursday the 13th of November. A distance of some three miles from the South Foreland Lighthouse where the cable had been tempo rarily placed, had to be laid with insulated wire and arrangement connected with the necessary con duct of the undertaking completed The complete success of these projected arrangements was hap-pily insured and made manifest by the transmission of despatches and other intelligence during the course of yesterday. At about half past ter o'clock in the morning the last portion of the wire leading from the Foreland was brought clos under the walls of the Castle at the summit of the cliff, and thence gently dropped into the garden attached to the temporary office of the company. The wire was then led into one of the upper rooms and connected with the telegraphic instruments. In addition to the well known apparatus of Messrs Cooke and Wheatstone, the more modern inventions of Messrs Bret and Henley had been enlisted for the occasion. After some little delay, consequent on the rapidity with which the arrangements were made, the wires were finally con nected, and it became a moment of intense anxiety when signals were about to be passed. The instrument of Mesers Cooke and Wheatstone was set in motion, signals were interchanged with Calais, and the complete success of the undertal ing was completely evinced. But very few communications had assed when a mounted messenge arrived with a despatch from the telegraph office of the South Eastern Railway Company. It proved to be a communication containing the prices of the funds on the London Exchange, which were to be immediately sent by the submarine telegraph to Paris. The particulars of the message were of course kept secret, but it was gratifying to observe that it was luly forwarded. From this time despatches were continually pass ing between the Dover telegraphoffices and London and Paris. nessage from London was sent to Paris and an answer received from Paris and forwarded to London within one hour, and this time, i must be remembered, includes the distance of a mile traversed twice between the Dover offices, oringing the London message to the offices of the Submarine Company and transmitting the reply to the office of the South-Eastern Railway. To this must be added the loss of time consequent on the message having to be sent from the Paris office to the Paris Bourse, and the time

It was a singular coincidence that the day chosen for the opening of the suhmarine telegraph was the same as that on which his Grace the Duke of Wellington attended in person to close the Harbour sessions, and it was resolved by the promoters that his Grace on leaving Dover by the 2 o'clock train for London should be saluted by a gun fired by the transmission of a current from Calais. It was arranged with Calais that as the clock struck 2 a signal was immediately to be passed, and punctual to the moment, a loud report rever berated on the water, and shook the ground with some force. It was then ascertained that a 32-pounder loaded with ten pounds of powder had been fired by the current. The report had scarcely cessed ere it was taken up from the heights, the military, as usual, saluting the departure of the Duke with a round

taken for the reply from the Bourse

to the Paris office.

f artillery. Guns were then fired su ly on both coasts, Calais firing the gun at Dover, and Dover returning the compliment to Calais. After the transmission of the last business communication from Paris. ar rangements were made for the future punctual performance of the service, and the directors and promoters, heartily congratulated by all who had the pleasure of being present, repaired to the Ship Hotel to partake of what may perhaps be appropriately termed the inaugura ion dinner. It is hoped that the wires will soon be in connexion with the office in Dover, when between London and Paris.

Phrase or fable?

From Dr R. P. Robertson Sir. Subsidised by Pitt or not, "wooden legs are cheap" Hetter, November 7).
It is not 40 years since 1 visited

an elderly man who, sitting by the fireside, was carving himself a new wooden leg from a piece of scrap wood he had found on the dump. He had been one-legged since early childhood when he fell off a coal train and, since he used his leg to poke the fire, a replacement was necessary from time to time. I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant, R. P. ROBERTSON, 16 Park Road, Redhill, Surrey. November 7.

Miss Helen Hughes and Wing.

Commander Adam Wise were in attendance. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this

afternoon opened the new of-

fices of the Chiltern District

Her Royal Highness was re-

ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-

Lieutenant for Buckioghamshire (Commander

the Hon. Joho Fremantle, RN)

and the Chairman of the Council (Councillor J Cresswell).

Afterwards, The Princess
Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips
opened and toured a Day Centre

for Short Stay Hostel for the Handicapped at Seeleys House, Beaconsfield.

Roddam was to attendance.

Mrs Timothy Holderness

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace to mark the 25th Anniversary of the British Equine Veterinary

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by the President of the Association (Mr J Parker)

Lieuteoaot-Colonel Peter Gibbs was in attendance.

November 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon opened the Exhibition, "Eliza-

KENSINGTON PALACE

Council at Amersham.

Her Royal Highness was re-ceived by the President, Regent Years", at the National Portrait Street Association (Mr Peter Gallery, St Martin's Lane, this

The Lady Glenconner was in

November 13: The Duke of

Gloucester was present this evening at the Institution of Structural Engineers' Maitland

Lecture at the Barbican Centre.

Li Col Sir Simon Bland was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

November 13: Princess Alexandra, Vice-President of the British Red Cross Society,

this afternoon received Lady

Palmer upon retiring as Vice-

Her Royal Highness, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Light In-

fantry, subsequently received Major General B.M. Lane, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenaot-Colonel R.M.

Estcourt upon assuming the appointment as Commanding Officer of the 6th Battalion and

Lieutenant-Colonel C G Deedes

upon assuming Command of the 8th Battalion.

Princess Alexandra, Patron of CARE for mentally handi-capped people, also received Sir Charles Alexander, BT. upon

retiring as chairman of the Board of Governors and Dr

Michael Dunwell upon assuming this appointment.

Chairman of the Council.

London, EC2.

attendance.

CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 13: The Queen, Patron, the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, this afternoon opened the new Swan Theatre of the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford-upon-Avon

The Queen travelled in the Royal Train and was received at Stratford-upon-Avon Station by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Warwickshire (the Viscount

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The Queen then drove to the Swan Theatre and, having been received by the Chairman of the Governors of the Royal Shakespeare Company (Mr Geofficy Cass), unveiled a commemo-rative plaque, toured the Royal Shakespeare Theatre Work-shops and met members of the Company, musicants and staff. In the evening Her Majesty attended a performance of The Fair Maid of the West given by

the Company in the Swan The Hon. Mary Morrison, the Right Hon. Sir William Heseltine and Lieutenant-Commander Timnthy Laurence, R.N. were in attendance.

The Duchess of York this evening switched on the Christ-mas Lights in Regent Street, W1.

The Prince of Wales celebrates his birthday today.

The King of Jordan celebrates his birthday today.

Square, at noon today.

Memorial Service

minster and Mr Terence Mallinson attended a service of

thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Percy Rugg beld yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster, Canoo Trevor Beeson nfficiated, assisted by the Rev Gordon Watkins and

Mgr Anthony Stark. Mrs Geof-

frey Duckworth, daughter, and Lord Denning read the lessons and Baroness Trumpington gave an address. Mr Edward

Heath, MP, was represented by Sir Brian Warren and the Lord

Licutenant for Greater Londoo by Mr Gordon Ratman, Among

by Mr Gordon Kaunaaaaa others present were:
Lady Rugg twidowl, Mr and Mrs Simon Rugg bon and daughter-in-lawy, Brigadier Geoffrey Duckworth (son-in-law), Miss Belinda Rugg, Mr Edward Rugg, Miss Yolanda Rugg, Miss Clandia Rugg, Miss Juliet Duckworth and Miss Juliet Duckworth and Miss Juliet Duckworth and Miss Juliet Christian Mrs Christian Mrs Christian Christian Mrs Christian Christian Mrs Christian Christian Christian Mrs Christian Christian

Birthdays today

Reception

Mr Aaron Copland, 86; Mr Quentin Crewe, 60; Mr Eric Crozier, 72; Dame Elisabeth Frink, 56; Mgr G. A. Hay, 56; Mr Harold Larwood, 82; Sir British Equine Veterinary Association
Princess Anne attended a reception held last night at St James's Palace to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the British Equine Veterinary Association. Mr John Parker, president, and Joseph Lockwood, 82; Air Mar-shal Sir Richard Nelson, 79; Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, 82; Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, MP. 59; Sir Dudley Smith, MP, Mrs Parker received the guests.

Latest wills

Mrs Pushpam Cecilia Savandra, of Colombo, Sri Lanka, formerly of Old Wind-sor, Berkshire, left estate io England and Wales valued at A service of thanksgiving for the life of Miss Angela Bowlby will be held at St Michael's, Chester

Mr Kazimierz Jozef Szmidi of Wentworth Park, London N3, left £267,908 net. (Colcin) President of the Ancient and Honorable Society of the Koishis of the Honorable Society of Honorable Lord Bencheurte. QC, Bind Lady Broxbourne, Ledy Denning, Lord and Lady Pender, Lord and Lady Frizzer of Klimorack, Mr. Geolfrey Rippon, QC, MP, trepresenting, Middle Temple, Str. Robert Megarry. Lady Fox Ghritish Institute of International Comparative Low). Lady Caroline Faber, the Hon-Sally Plummer. Str. Vatentine Abdy. Str. Charles and Lady Revisel. Str. Cowen Absher. Floid Marshal Str. Roband Ghos (chairman of trusteen Airborner Megarry. Ledy Marshal Str. Charles and Lady Housel. Str. Colin Cote, Str. James Glemiuson, General Str. Charles and Lady Southward, Str. Charles and Lady Southward, Str. Desmond Heap, Str. James and Lady Pirie, Lleutenant-Colonel Str. To Colin Commission, Ceneral Str. Kenneth Darling, Lady Pirie, Lleutenant-Colonel Str. To Dunnett, General Str. Kenneth Darling, Lady Pirie, Lleutenant-Colonel Str. To Dunnett, General Str. Kenneth Darling, Lady Pirie, Lleutenant-Colonel Str. To Dunnett, General Str. Kenneth Darling, Lady Pirie, Lleutenant-Colonel Str. To Dunnett, General Str. Kenneth Darling, Lady Pirie, Lieutenant-Colonel Str. To Dunnett, General Str. Kenneth Darling, Lady Pirie, Lieutenant-Colonel Str. To Governors Mr. To Benyon Oresident, Old Leystan Governors Mr. Chairman of governors Mr. To Boyle Leys Review, Jor. Boyle Review, Jor.

Service Dinners

Gurkha Brigade Association

The annual dinner of the Gur-kha Brigade Association was held at the Cavalry and Guards club last night. Major-General J. A. R. Robertson presided, as-sisted by Major-General R. W. L. McAlister, chairman of the

4th (V) Ba, The Royal

The annual dinner of the 4th (V) Bn. The Royal Green Jackets was held on Thursday, Novem-ber 13, at Haberdashers' Hall. Lord Holderness, Honorary Colonel of the Battalion, pre-sided and Viscount Whitelaw, CH, was the principal guest.

for the Armed Forces, presided.

Among those present were:
General Sir Nigh Basonali. Mr John
Heiloch. General Sir Roland Guy.
Leutenand-General Sir Roland Guy.
Leutenand-General Sir Richard Vincent. Sir Colin Pietding! Viscound
Marchwood. Sir Antony Doil. Sir
Hunghier Aldina. MP. General Sir
Robert Ford. Sir Robert Andrew. Sir
Harry Seconnie. Sir Alisair Frame.
Sir Peter Manthews. Sir Alisair Frame.
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Sir Peter Manthews. Sir Alisair Frame.
Sir Sconnie. Sir Alisair Frame.
Sir State Sir John Crist. Di David Sir Sir John
Keegaha and Mr Alisair Millio.
Plannbers' Company
The Ladle dinner of the
Plumbers' Company was held
last night at Ironmongers' Hall.
Mr Cyril Graysmark was in the
chair and the other speakers

Exton-Smith and the 1986 Elizabeth Brown prize to Dr Ger-



Fran Marion Bannert showing two of 329 bottles of wine found recently in an underground vault in Labeck, West Germany, beneath the site of buildings destroyed by Allied bombing in the Second World War. The wine, white Bordeaux of 1921 and 1922, is to be auctioned at an expected starting price of DM400 (about £133) a bottle.

aldine Wright. The Minister of State for Health, the President of the Royal College of General Practitioners and the President

of the Faculty of Community Medicine were among those

Institute of Measurement and Control
Mr P.H. Hammond, President

Honourable Company of Freemen of the City

Carpenters' Company, accompanied by Mrs Kauffman.

Those present included past masters Captain Ray Gibson, Mr William Miller, Mr Anthony

Kemp, Mr Barry Hall, Mr Stephen May, Mr Godfrey Ja-cobs and the Honorary Clerk, Mr Roger Atkins.

of Great Britain
The seventy-fifth anniversary of
the establishment of the first
national trade association for

association, proposed the bealth

of the industry and of the guests, and the director, Mr Michael of the industry and of the

Levete, spoke on the

Angle Jordanian Society
The Anglo Jordanian Society

held its annual dinner at the Savoy Hotel last night. The lordanian Ambassador and Sir

Jordanian Ambassador and Sir Frederic Bennett, MP, presi-dents, Lady Bennett and Mr

Michael Snow, chairman, re-ceived the guests. General Amer

essociation's history.

Paintmakers' Association

Luncheon

HM Government HM Government
Mr Tim Renton, Minister of
State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was bost yesterday at a luncheon held at
Lancaster House in honour of
the oew Ghanaian High
Commissioner, Dr J.L.S.

Dinners

Army Board
The Speaker attended an Army
Board dinner held yesterday at
the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. Mr
John Stanley, Minister of State
for the Armed Forces, presided.

chair and the other speakers were Mr Geoffrey Marsh, Mas-ter, Mr George Nash and Mr Hugh Smith who, on behalf of the company, presented the Silver Ladle to Mr M.B. Caroe,

Silver Ladle to Mr M.B. Caroe, immediate past master. British Geriatrics Society Professor J. C. Brocklehurst, President of the British Geriatrics Society, presided at the annual dinner held at the London Press Cenne yesterday and presented the bi-annual Dhole-Eddlestone memorial prize to Professor Norman Exton-Smith and the 1986 Eliza-

Airey Neave **Memorial Trust**

Airey Neave Memorial Trust Awards for 1986 have been made to Dr Jadwiga Pstrusinska, a senior lecturer at the lagiellonian University, Krakow, at present engaged in postdoctoral research at Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford, who receives \$9,000 to do research at the etherolinguistics. on the ethnolinguistics of Afghanistan, work which will help with refugee problems; and to Mr Michael Fanning, a. postgraduate research student now living in Frankfurt, who receives £9,500 to write on the subject of terrorism and how European criminal law can be improved to combat it.

OBITUARY

Fisher, CBE, a gifted statisti-cian and one of the last of the

physiological chemists, died on November II. He was 79.

Reginald Brettauer Fisher

was born in Sheffield on

February 13, 1907. He was educated at King Edward VII School, Sheffield, and at St

John's College, Oxford, where

he held an open scholarship in

chemistry and physics. In 1933 he became universi-

ty demonstrator in biochemis-

try at Oxford, holding the post until 1959. In 1939 he won a

Rockefeller Travelling Fellow-

ship, but was unable to take it

up because of the outbreak of

During the early part of the war he collaborated with Solly

(now Lord) Zuckerman in the

quantitative measurements of the effects of blasts from high

explosives. Using mice, rats and goats they did statistical

research on the amount of

blast pressure needed to kill men. They also studied the

effects on the body, notably the effects of pressure waves in

He was based at Princes Risborough, a secret base where aerial photographs of

bombing were analysed. Dur-ing 1945 he worked as a

consultant to the US War

Department. In this role he

visited Japan to study the aftermath of the atomic

bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

After the war he became chief research statistician and later director of a specialized

operational research unit at

Porton under the Air Minis-

try. He returned to Oxford as R

lecturer at Wadham College. In 1959 he was appointed professor of chemistry in rela-

tion to medicine (later bio-

chemistry) at Edinburgh University. There he re-

mained until his retirement in

Fisher devoted much of his time to teaching and, under his leadership, the honours school of biochemistry in-

creased in size. Advanced

students thrived on his critical

approach to scientific argument, and to these younger

men he devoted endless time

crushing the chest.

PROF R. B. FISHER

Valuable scientific work

in war and peace Professor R. B. (David) tive load, he did research in

intestinal absorption; also in

cardiac and protein metabo-

lism. He worked on whole

living organisms rather than batches of cells, developing a

technique of using isolated

loops of gut which he kept in

good living condition to see how it absorbed sugars and

other materials. He also stud-

ied the uptake of sugars by the

dean of the faculty of tredi-

cine, the first non-medical

man to hold the post. His

extra-mural activities were

largely connected with gov-

ernment departments, partic-

ularly the Ministry of

He also served on the bodies

of research institutes and in an

advisory capacity to the World Health Organization

and the Stockholm Interna-

tional Peace Research Insti-

tute. With SIPRI during the

early 1970s he was engaged in

negotiations with the Soviets in seeking agreement for the abolition of chemical

to Oxford where, for the the

next three years, with a grant from the medical research

council, he continued his gut

research at the university's

He was the author of a large number of original scientific

physiology laboratory.

In 1976 he was invited back

From 1972 to 1975 he was

beating heart.

Halley Memorial

A memorial plaque to Edmond Halley, designed and sculpted by Mr Richard Kindersley, was unveiled by Professor Sir Gra-ham Smith, Astronomer Royal, at a service held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The me-motial was dedicated by the Westminster Adocy. Inst memorial was dedicated by the
Dean of Westminster and Lord
Blake, Provost of The Queen's
College, Oxford, and Mr.
Famonn Andrews, a founder
member of the Halley's Cornet
Society, read the leasons, Professor Sir George Porter, President
of the Royal Society, read from
the final paragraphs of Halley's
address to the Royal Society in
1705 predicting that the comet
he saw in 1682 would return in
1758. Sir Andrew Hurdey, OM,
Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, gave an address. Mr D.
C. Link, Mr R. M. Jenkina and
Mr John Simpson laid a floral
model of the "Giotto" spacecraft at the base of the plaque.
The Earl of Rosse, Patron of the
Halley's Comet Society, and
Mrs Brian Harpur laid a floral
reproduction of the figures reproduction of the figures "1986", the society's symbol. Among others present were:
Mr Brilin Hagan dounder, Halley's
Come! Society, Mr J Lanier (pres
deat, US Chapter of the society), Lan
Veiger, Baroness Falkender, Admira

of the Institute of Measurement and Control, was bost at a dinner held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Mr Oscar Roith, Chief Engineer and Scientist at the Department of Trade and Industry, was the principal guest and earlier delivered the 1986 Thomsoo Lecture. of London of North America
A dinner was held on Saturday,
November 8, in the Carpenters'
Hall, Philadelphia, to
commemorate Lord Mayor's
day. The Master, Mr Rex Williams, presided and the principal guest was Mr Robert
Kauffman, President of the
Carpenters' Company.

Lord Ennals Lord Ennals entertained Members of the Houses of Par-liament, members of the National Federation of Kidney Patients' Associations and members of the medical profession at a reception yesterday evening in the House of Lords. Mrs Edwina Currie, Par-liamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, was the guest of honour.

Sous of the Clergy The 308th annual general court of Governors of the Corporation the paint industry was cele-brated last night at a dinner and dance at the Hotel Inter-continental in London. Mr Quintin Knight, of ICI Paints of the Sons of the Clergy took place at Lambeth Palace yes-terday. Mr M.L.J. Marshall, senior treasurer, was in the

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Reg Goodwin will be Khammash, Major-General F. Fursdon, Sir John Moberley and held at All Hallows by the Tower, Byward Street, EC3, at

and energy. no energy. Despite a heavy administra-

Mrs Gerti Kvergic, a lead-ing specialist bookseller of the immediate post-war period in Britain, has died at the age of

She established the Economists' Bookshop near the London School of Eco-

m 1937.

(their only son predeceased

Gerti Kvergic was born in Vienna on November 30,

On leaving school she worked for a year at Heller's Bookshop; then in 1925, with backing from her uncle, she established a lending library ily among its customers. She joined the Society of Friends

The Anschluss placed her in immediate danger. Her husband, who was not Jewish, hid her until he was able to obtain visas for them to leave Austria. They arrived in Britain in

where, during the war, she worked at Bowes and Bowes Bookshop.
In 1947 she began the work

for which she will be remembered. It was decided to open 2 bookshop owned jointly by the LSE and The Economist to nomics which, under her lead- serve the students of the one ership, became the dominant and the readers of the other. ce bookshop in the Gerti Kvergic was chosen as the first manager, and she ran it until she retired.

She built for it a world-wide reputation, trading as much by mail as over the counter. The first premises in Clements Inn Passage soon became inadequate and in 1961 she supervised the move to a

orientation rare among British booksellers at the time; a fierce precision and grasp of detail; a wide knowledge of the subjects and contents of the books she was selling; and an absolute refusal to accept second-best. But her toughness, while quite genuine, was combined with charm, and masked warmth and bumour towards those she liked and

LADY IRVING

age of 92, was able, as the ughter of a diplomat at Valparaiso in 1914, to make a contribution to Admiral Sturdee's victory over von Spee's squadron at the Battle of the Falklands.

Born Irene Hazel Maclean on June 27, 1894, she was brought up in Casablanca where her father was consul, before going to Sherborne Girls' School

When her father became consul in Danzig she went with him to Germany, where she studied music and ac-quired a knowledge of Ger-man that was useful to her

In 1913 her father was appointed consul-general at Valparaiso, and she accompanied him there. When Admiral von Spec's commerceraiding squadron was causing some havoc in the south

Atlantic in the early months of

AIR VICE-MARSHAL BRIAN YARDE

Your obituary of Brian Yarde (November 4) records the important role that he played as station commander of RAF Gatow during the Soviet blockade of West Berlin, which was effectively countered by the Allied Air

But it deserves to be mentioned that it was Brian Yarde who first saw the possibility of supplying the beleagmed city by air from the West. At the top level the Americans and, I believe, the British were doubtful and hesitant, but Yarde's enthusiasm and determination prevailed The outcome is history.

Lady Irving, MBE, who the First World War, she died on November 8, at the helped decipher signals passing between the German

The information gleaned from these interceptions was then relayed to Sturdee's squadron and helped him to bring the Germans to battle on December 8, 1914, when a complete victory obliterated the last instrument of German naval power from the outer seas. She was appointed MBE

Her husband, who knighted in 1947, died in 1970. She is survived by a Louise Bruce.

daughter, the author Marie

and France.

He leaves a widow, Anna,

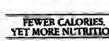
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The engagement is ann between Harry, son of Dr and Mrs Gerald Beauchamp, of Camphill Grange, Nuncaton, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brendan O'Connor, of 113 St Helen's Road,

Mr S.A. Bird and Miss C.M. Savage The engagement is announced between Simon Amuitage, son of Captain and Mrs L.A. Bird, of Trent, Sherborne, Dorset, and Cathryn Mary, second daughter of the late Mr J.V. Savage and Mrs K.B. Savage, of Ilford,

Mr M.T. Backmall and Megaffrouw C. van der Pluym The engagement is announced

the engagement is announced between Marcus, elder son of Mr and Mr Tim Bucknall, of Knayton, Thirsk, North York-shire, and Caroline, daughter of Meneer and Mevrouw Jan L. van der Pluym, of Zeist, Holland Mr M.G. Cooke

and Miss J. Graen and Miss J. Gruenebann
The engagement is announced between George, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael A. Cooke, of Shrivenham, Wiltshire, and Joslyn, eldest daughter of Mr Thomas Gruenebaum, of New York, and Mrs Iris Gruenebaum, of London and New York. New York.

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of Mr and Mrs John Wallace, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

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In 1920 she married Stanley living, who had become acting consul-general after her father's sudden death in 1918. She was noted for her wit and youthful charm as his bostess in postings which took him to Lisbon, Rio de Janiero, Buenos Aires and, finally, Panama and Costa Rica.

GALESKI

Hebrew, died on November 5. He-was 77. Born at Lodz, Poland, on

Galeski was a gifted linguist who published articles on French and Polish literature

papers. He was editor of the Journal of Physiology from 1949 to 1955 and for many years on the council of the Quarterly Journal of Experimental Physiology. The year after his arrival at Edinburgh, he was elected fellow of the Royal Edinburgh

Society. He never was elected fellow of the Royal Society, an honour which many felt was Fisher was an outstanding tutor whose clarity of mind stimulated his colleagues. He could turn his hand to every fundamental laboratory skill, from building his own appara-

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At the outbreak of the war he was posted to the French Hospital in London, which he ran virtually single-handed throughout the war. For his services to medicine, he was bonomed by Poland, Belgium

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, **DEATHS** AND IN MEMORIAM

ANDERSON - On 12th November, at Queen Mary's al Rochampton, to Lena and David, a son, Andrew, a brother for Malcolm. Doubles and Anna. Anna.

BURLING On 6th November, to Marlan (née Ginns) and Julian. a son.
Philip Gregory Richard.

BURNARD - On November 12th. at
The Horserion Hospital E9, to Diana
Inde Atteridge) and Ryan, a son. a
brother for Alexander.

CLARK - On November 1st. at North
Tees Hospital. to Caroline (née FieldIng) and Robin, a son. Phillip James,
a brother for Adam.

COOMES - On November 8th at

Tees Hospital, to Caroline (née Fieldling) and Robin, a son, Phillip James,
a brother for Adam.

COOMES - On November 8th. at
Shrodelis Hospital. Watford, to
Sarah and Malcolm. a son.

FREEDA - On November 12th 1986, to
Sophie (trée Poussord) and Paul. a
daughter. Chioe.

GARE - On November 10th, to Rosemary (née Anderson) and Stephen a
daughter Carolila Alice Mattida.

GLAUERT - On 27th October, to Jessica and John. a daughter. Emity
Caroline, a sister to Anna and Sarah.

HARDOMEE - On November 6th 1986
to Julie Inée Silletti and Charles, a
daughter. Emitic Charlotte, a sister
for Matthew.

HOGARTH - On November 5th 1986, to
Nicola (née Spence) and Julian, a
daughter, Sophie Louise.

JAY - On October 22nd et Lincoln
County Hospital, to Susan (née
Bartle) and Andrew. a daughter, Josephine Eleanor. a sister for
Katterine and Elizabeth.

LAIME - On November 12th 1986 to
Prenty (née Heale) and Nick a sen

Adher use and Euzaseth.

LAIMG - On November 12th 1986 to
Penny (nèe Heale) and Nick. a son,
Alexander.

LONG - On 9th November 1986, at
Farnborough Hospital. Kent. to Karen (nèe Coleman) and Christopher. a
son. Alexander Edmund. Son. Alexander Edmund.

MORRISON - On November 5th 1986, to Jermina and Rob, a son. Fergua Alexander, a brother for Duncan.

MEWSON - On November 5th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, in Jean ince Stewart) and Kevin, a son. Rory Caristopher, a brother for Clare.

OGDEN - On 15th November 1986, to Rachel and Edward, a daugnter, Helen Mary, a sister for Thomas, PATON - On 10th November, to Yvonce and John, a son Caristopher Ciles, a brother for Alexander.

PEEN - On November 12th, to Eigin and Geoffrey, a daughter, Helena Jane. Chemin de Beaumont 18, 1400 Yverdon, Switzerland.

PRESCOTT - On October 31st 1986 at Frimley Park Hospital, Camberley, Surrey, to Lyn thee Etherington) and Tony, a son James Robert, a grand-son lor Pat and Jim Prescott. RAU : On 11th November at Hammer-smith Hospital. to Jeannie thee Cottrell) and Nicholas. a son. Clovis

RAYMENT On November 10th, at Newham General Hospital, to Niccolette Inée Hodgskith, and Ste-phen, a son Stewart Stepben,

DEATHS

BURNE - On Wednesday November 12th 1986, very bravely after a long siness. Elizabeth Gibson, widow of Peter of Kenton, Devon, Funeral Ser-vice at St Clements, Powderham as 3.00 p.m. on Friday November 21st. Flowers to Powderham Castle, near Exeter, or kind donations to The Rowcroft Hospice, Avenue Road, Torousy.

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DAVID On November 11th 1986. Stephen Trevor of 293 Cromwell
Towers, London EC2Y 8DD, Husband of Ruth, father of Camilla,
Stephen. Andrew and Hugh. Requiem Mass at St Etheldredas. Ety Place
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Eitem, Cherished and foring wife of

catern cheristed and loving wife of Gerston, mother of Kate (Mrs. Peter Whiteman), sister of Lionel and Dicky Alexander. Cremation. Goldens Green, Sunday 11.30. Dona-tions. If desired, to any cancer fund. FISHER: On November 11th peaceful-iy to hospital in Oxford, after a short illness, R.B. (David) Fisher: C.B.E., aged 79. Professor Emeritus, Edin-burgh University, beloved and loving husband, father: grandfather and great grandfather. Private cremation missandi, father, grandiather and great grandfather. Private cremation GRAHAM - On November fith, as the result of a road accident. Andrew Timothy 17 min aged 26, dearty loved son of Rosemary and Colin and beloved brother of Bridget and Bryony. Enquiries to John Steel and Son. Chesi House, Winchester (OS62 63195) through whom donations may be made if winded to Action Add for a special village project in Adrica CRIFFITHS - On November 12, peacefully after a long filmess, surrounded by his loving family. Frederick William in his 63th year, dearly loved husband of Joyce, greally missed father of Barbara. Simon, John and Richard and to Heide and Michael. Funeral Service Tuenday November 18th at 2.30 pm. et St Mark's Church. Talbot Village. Bournemouth. Flowers may be sent to Deric Scott. Portman Lodge Funeral Home. 756 Christchurch Road. Bournemouth.

With the voice of toy and praise, with a multitude had kept holy day

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No flowers please, donations it assisted to The Leonard Cheshire Foundation, 26 Maurisel Street, London, SWI.

LOWICK - On 11th November, at home, Nicholas Manning Lowick, aged 45, of The British Museum, Funeral Service at the Pulmey Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 18th November at 2.30 p.m., No flowers please but donations, it desired, may be made to the R.S.P.C.A., Enquiries to W Carstin & Son. Ol 935 4868, McNTTERICK - On November 11th In Gravesend and North Kent Hospital, Thomas Edward Mourice (Tom), aged 72 of New Ash Green.

RYAM - On November 11th 1986, peacefully at her bome, 3 High Bank, West Hill, Otlery St Mary, Isobel, aged 86 years, Cremation at Excler, on Wednesday November 19th, at 11.16 am, No Bowers, but donations, if desired, to The Star and Carter Home for Disabled Servicemen, Richmond, Surrey.

TOMELIN - On 12th November, Frederick Ernest Cecil (Tommy), Isoling husband of Jill, darling father of Marie, Phyl. John and Peter and grandpa of Richard and Felicity. Refired Imperial Airways / 8.0.A.C. Funeral is arranged to take place on Tuesday 18th November, 1986, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Twickenham at 3.15 pm, followed by cremation at South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth at 4 pm. Flowers to F.W. Paine 31 Church Street Twickenham at 3.15 pm, followed by cremation at South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth at 4 pm. Flowers to F.W. Paine 31 Church Street Twickenham WALRER - On November 1986, at St. Mary's Parish Church, Twickenham (Painty), Beloved husband of Patrick, elearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service 2 pm Monday 17th November, at All Saints Church, Wytham, Oxford, followed by interment at Wytham, Family Howers only, but donations if desired, to the Army Benevolent Fund, 41 Queens Gate, SW7 51ff.

WESTOM - On 3rd November, peacefully, Ada Dorothy, late of Flat 11, Grayburn Court. Beverley, North Humberside, tand formativ di Bishop Burton Beverley, Funeral and burial in the grave of her late husband, Percy William Weston, look place on Friday 7th November at Bishop Burto

YOUNG . On 11th November 1986 at Somaing-on-Trames. Vote: maner Hewit, formerly of the John Lewis Partnership. Daughter of the late Thomas Moffait and Agnes Young and aunt of Silvester and Terry. No flowers by request. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium, at 3.15 pm. at Metaburster. 10th Metaburster.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BENHETT - A Meeting in commemora-tion of the life of Joan Bennett will be held at Girton College, Cambridge on Saturday 29th of November at 2-30

Oxford

KIRKI - A Memorial Service of Thanks, giving for the life of Charles W.G.T.

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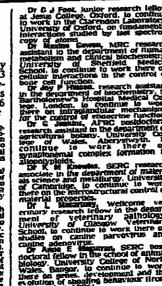
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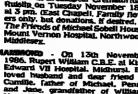
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MAYES On November 11th, very peaceitily in Cheltenham, Phyllis Mary, wife of the lale Commander T.S. Hayes R.N. and beloved mother of Elizabeth and Bridger. Grandmother of Timothy, Phyllida, Peter. Tiggs and Carothus, Phyllida, Peter. Tiggs and Carothus, Puneral Service 2.00 p.m., Tuesday 18th at Symonds-bury near Bridport. Flowers, to the the Chruch, donations, if desired, in the R.N. Benevotent Fund. IEEE/IEEE/IEEE A. D. November 10th 1986. suddenly at home. Bruce Trevot. loved himband of Gillian and father of Frances and Madeleine. Privale Cremation on Monday November 17th. Flowers may be sent to G Smith Wooburn Ltd. 7 The Creen, Wooburn Green, Bucks. MOLFORD On November 10th 1986, Monica Peregrine. dearly loved wife of Surgeon Rear Admiral. J.M. Holford. C.B., O.B.E., and mother of Andrew and Charles. Cremation has taken place, privalety.

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Lois, wife of Admiral Sir Frank Hopkins of Kingswear, peacefully in hersleep after a long illness, Funeral at
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Saturday 29th of November & 2-30 p.m. . SEFFERY - A Memorial Service for Dr L.H. Jefery, will be held on Spitu-day 29th November, at 2-15 pm in the Chapel of Lady Margaret Hall. Oxford

Work on budgies may save species in danger

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Pioneering work in protecting endangered species by scientists at London Zoo and at the Institute of Zoology is saving animals, from birds to creatures undar threat such as the black rbinoceros, giant panda and Pere David's deer.

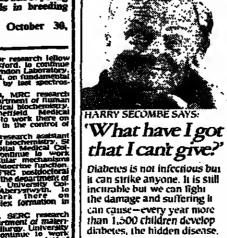
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Advances in treating human infertility employed for conservation work includes the adaptation of clinical nitrasound methods for examining an animal without surgical intervention. tion.
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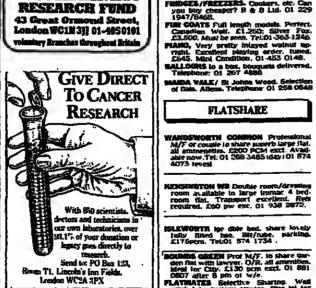
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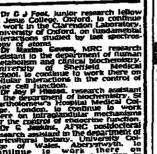
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His support for unilateral

nuclear disarmament and the

banishing of American nuc-

lear weapons from Britain has made him the big love-

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He replied that he would fight

to change the policy and that, if he failed, he would not

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Since then, the Labour

Party conference has adopted

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has showed no signs of not

on the Labour front bench.

That was how he stayed

after Mrs Thatcher publi-cized the 1981 incident, To-

ries jeered at him to answer.

He confined himself to muttering inaudibly. Perhaps

he was making a heart-rending plea to the media to

leave him alone. It had all

happened a long time ago, he

seemed to be saying. Sure, he

had once been a moderate.

But in 1981, he had been a

kid of 64. All he asked was to

be left alone to get on with his

television career and to be a-

decent extremist like anyone

It was a tremendous story

with which to launch the new Queen's Speech debate: It is

still possible that Mr Healey will think of an answer before the debate ends next Wednes-

else in the Labour Party.

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Frank Johnson in the Commons

By Our Foreign Staff

The Swiss company whose plant near Baske caused the spillage of 30 tons of toxic chemicals into the Rhine two weeks ago yesterday admitted "full moral responsibility" for the disaster and promised to compensate those affected.

The technical chief of the Sandoz chemical company, Mr Hans Winkler, said: "Sandoz and the insurance companies concerned are ready to ensure effective treatment of demands for compensation."

He said it was premature to assess the amount of damage, but suggested that the company's insurance would meet the

An official in Basle warned that unless rapid efforts were made to clean the riverbed in the vicinity of the accident floodwaters threatened to wash more of the destructive pesticide downstream.

Mr Benedict Hurni, the environmental officer for the Canton of Basle, said several hundred kilograms of chemical deposits, including mercury, were lying in the Rhine and that they should be cleaned up before heavy rains wash-

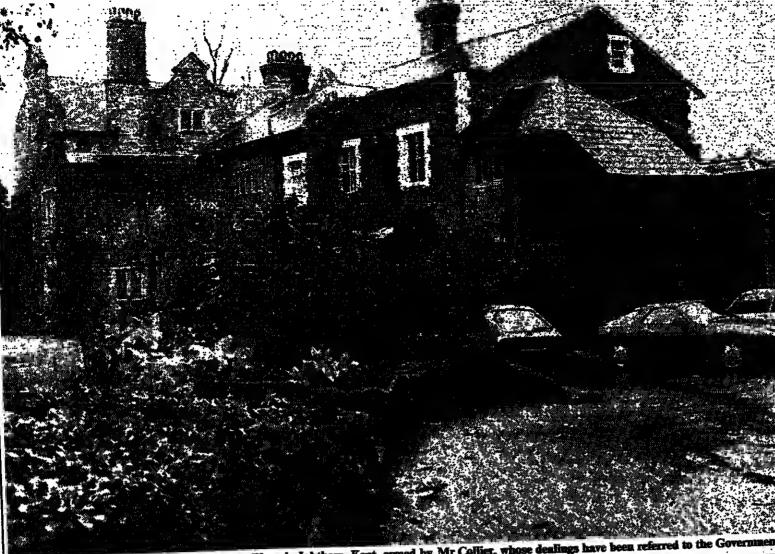
ed them away. The threat of heavy rainfall is also causing concern to Sandoz officials, who are working to prevent further leaks from the burnt-out warehouse. They have erected a foot-high wall around the site containing the contaminated water and have blocked drains

The threat of new contamination and the effect of what has been described as Europe's worst environmental disaster for a decade has shaken the confidence of people in the Basle area, where chemicals are the main industry.

Swiss embarrassment was heightened by claims from the West German Environment Minister, Herr Walter Wallmann, that the leakage of herbicides into the Rhine by another Swiss company was more damaging than at first

He said more harmful toxic chemicals had been accidentally spilled into the Rhine than the Swiss company, Ci-

ba-Geigy, had first admitted.
Initial health tests by
Sandoz medical staff suggest that "the population of the region has not been harmed", although people exposed to the gases have complained of headaches and chest and throat pains. Recrimination wave, page 12



Valued at more than £500,000: Oldbury Place in Ightham, Kent, owned by Mr Collier, whose dealings have been referred to the Government.

Collier's case goes to ministry

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by the Stock Exchange to say nothing until the exchange's own investigations are over.

Morgan Grenfell has maintained from the start that it is satisfied that no one else in Morgan Grenfell is concerned in the affair.

The special Stock Exchange committee investigating Mr Collier's share dealings has decided to refer the matter to the Department of Trade and Industry. If the ministry considers the evidence strong eoough it will pass the case to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

As a senior director of Morgan Grenfell Securities, Mr Collier was in possession of information on a "need to know" basis which would be kept secret from other employees in that part of the company.

Morgan Grenfell insists that there has been no breach of its system of Chinese Walls preventing conflicts of interest between the various parts of



Oldbury Place as seen from the back. Shady dealers network uncovered

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Last month, it is believed

another delivery of arms

reached Iran. Twelve days ago

Mr David Jacobsen, director

of the American University

Hospital, was released after 17

months' captivity in Beirut,

suggesting that he, too, was set

free in direct exchange for

More shipments than those

that have so far come to light

may have been made.

Gorbachov lobbies Thatcher Continued from page 1

The White House has said that President Reagan agreed at Reykjavik to the climinanot other nuclear weapons.

that out. Members of the Danish seamen's union have recently claimed that they had been involved in shipping arms to Iran from Israel. Last month's delivery is said to have been aboard the Danish vessel Morsoe, owned by the Danish company, J Poulsen. It is not known who chartered the

having talks with Finnish leaders for two days, refused to specify the type or number of launchers in question.

debate, the sensationalist right-wing tabloid politician. Mrs Thatcher, published a shock revelation about Den's According to her, in 1981 he was asked what he would do if Labour adopted uni-

tion of ballistic missiles but The Government considers even this too ambitious, containing a "dream element" which is unrelated to political reality. Britain would favour a more limited pact to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear weapons from Europe, but Moscow's "all or nothing" approach has virtually ruled

· HELSINKI: The Kremlin's deputy leader, Mr Yegor Ligachev, announced here last night that the Soviet Union has dismantled all mediumrange missile launchers from the Kola peninsula and most of them from the Leningrad and Baltic military districts

(Olli Kivinnen writes). Mr Ligachev, who has been

Dirty Den sticks to Labour cast day. But by vesterday, the big issue was how the debate was going to keep up this degree

tinued with the vast debate on the Queen's Speech, which stretches out before us until of interest. Mrs Thatcher and Mr Healey were no longer in next Wednesday with results the chamber. Hardly anyone else was either. The Prime The debate had begun Minister was perhaps pursupromisingly the previous day when the Prime Minister ing her researches into Mr Healey's tempestuous public life. Mr Healey had apparently gone into hiding. launched an attack on the chief Opposition spokesman

The House had embarked on the stretch of the debate dealing with "education and family poverty". There was no logical reason why the two should be combined, except that MPs who are interested the popular press. Who else could it be? With his bushy in the one tend to be interested in the other. Or eyebrows big red face, and amazing lifestyle, Den is one of the most watchable characrather MPs who make a lot of noise on television, or at prime time during Commons questions, about education, tend also to do it about such subjects as family poverty. That is different from attend ing debates on the subjects. That is much less fun.

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Poverty did not get much of a look in, except the alleged now goes out daily from the poverty of teachers being abour left - East Euroround down by the Secretary for Education, Mr Kenneth Baker. Nor did education. But, in the Queen's Speech The debate was almost entirely about the complexities of teachers' pay. That is how most politicians define

They do not see it as being about Latin gerunds, smelly and useful experiments during chemistry lessons, and discussing the reasons for Austria-Hungary's annex-ation of Bosnia and Herze-govina. Indeed, the only historical figure referred to was Burnham. Amid some talk about proved technical education, the only item of accepting a part in the next Labour cast. He is still sitting. engineering apparatus re-ferred to was the Burnham

machinery. We need look no further to explain the decline of British education. It is even said that Dirty Den is to be taught in Cambridge English seminars soon. What has Mr Healey got to do with our literary

heritage? Expert speeches about pay were made by Mr Baker, the Labour education spokes-man, Mr Giles Radice, and the Liberal education spokesman, Mr Clement Freud. The only surprise was that the Liberal education spokesman was Mr Freud. Apparently,

he has been so for years. . . Is he not a gambler and somewhat raffish? The tab-loid press should look into this matter. Keep This Man

From Our Kids, I say.

hungry for a variety of arms are so sketchy. It is specifically against the law for the Admin-The daily White House and spares. It has sought briefing given by Mr Larry Speakes, the presidential spokesman, has become istration to supply arms to spares for its F-4 and F-14 countries on its list of "terror-fighters,"

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke and Duchess York attend a lunch given by the Corporation of London, Guildhall, I; and later, the Duke of York, as President, the Royal Aero Clob, accompanied by the Duchess of York, chairs the panel of judges of the Pres-The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,203

British Knitting and Clothin Export Council, visits Gloverali

Royal Army Veterinary Training Centre, Melton Mowbray, 11.30.

The Duke of Gloucester unveils a plaque to celebrate the

ident's Rolex Trophy, Gold-smiths' Hall, 2.30.
Princess Anne. President, the British Knitting and Clothing

1985 Civic Trust Award for the restoration of Denmark Hill Station and its conversion into The Phoenix and Firkin Public House, SE5, 11.15.
Prince Michael of Kent presents awards for the Best Kept Station in British Rail, London Road, Wellingborough, Northants, 10: and visits the House of Lords, 12 noon.

New exhibitions Recent work on paper and canvas by John Cooke; The Coach House, 9a Main St, Kirkby Loasdale, via Carnforth, Lancs; Mon to Sat 9.30 to 6, Sun 11 to 5 (ends Dec 14).

23rd winter exhibition of a changing mixed collection of

changing mixed collection of drawings, paintings and sculp-ture by 75 artists. Chlin Jellicoe Gallery, 82 Portland St. Manhester. Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 1 to 5 (ends Feb 28). Music

Concert by the Halle Or-thestra; Dewsbury Town Hall, W Yorks, 7.30. Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; Univer-sity Great Hall, Exeter, 7.30. Recital by Kym Cooper (so-prano) and Phillip Smith (pimn); Birmingham Cathedral Chimore Row, 1.10.

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Recital by Gyorgy Pauk (violin) and Peter Frankl (piano);
The Music Hall, The Square,
Shrewsbury, 7.45.

Organ recital by Peter Goodman; Hull City Hall, 12.30.

Concert by the London Oboe
Trio: Fermov Centre. King's Trio: Fermoy Centre, King's Concert by the BBC Phil-

armonic Orchestra; Lancaster University, 7.30. Concert by the Vermuyden Concert Band; Hatfield High School, Doncaster, 7.30. Concert by the Orchestra da Camera and the Midlands, Chamber Orchestra; Adrian-Boult Hall, Birnaingham, 7.30.

ber Group; Clifton Cathedral

General Eastern Counties Craft Market; Rhodes Centre. Bishops Stortford, Herts, today and tomorrow 10 to 6, Sun 10 to 5.

Anniversaries

Births: Lucas von Hilde brandt, architect, Genoa, 1668 Robert Fulton, pioneer of the steamboat, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1765; Sir Charles Pennsylvania, 1/05; Sir Casries Lyell, geologist, Kinnordy, Scot-land, 1797: Claude Monet, Paris, 1840: Leo Backeland, inventor of Bakelite, Ghent, 1863; Pandit Jawaharal Nehra, first prime minister of India 1947-64, Allahabad, 1889, Sir Frederick Banting, physician, Alliston, Ontario, 1891.
Deaths: Nell Gwya, London, 1687; Georg Wilhelm Hegel, Berlin, 1831; Robert Whitehead, physician of the income.

invector of the torpedo, Beckett, Berks, 1905; Frederick Sleigh Roberts, 1st Earl Roberts, field marshal, Saint-Omer, 1914; Hector Munre ("Saki"), writer, killed in action, 1916; Manuel de Falla, Alta Gracia, Argentina.

Koads

Wales and West: M4: Various and westbound lane closures between junctions 34 and 35 Glamorgan; contraflow. M5: Northbound carriageway closed at junction 14; contraflow southbound A449: Three sets of contraflow between Usk and Coldra, Gwent (junction 24),

Iran has for some time been

Mr Geoffrey Collier.

ist nations" and Iran is on that

The North: M6: Lane closure The North: M6: Lane closures at junction 23 (Mserscyside). M63: Major widening scheme at Barton Bridge, Greater Manchester, continues to cause delays. A49: Roadworks on Warrington Bridge, Warrington; various road closures at the junctions with A49/A50 / A5060/A5061.

Scotland: A82: Single line

Scotland: A82: Single line traffic on the Glasgow to Fort traffic on the Glasgow to Fort William road at Bridge of Orchy, Strathchyde. A74: Northbound inside lane closed S of A70 (Ayr); delays likely. A80: Contraflow at Moodiesburn near the junction with the M73; westbound carriageway closed; two way traffic eastbound.

Information supplied by AA

The pound



Landon: The FT Index closed down 9.4 at 1295.7.

Portfolio —Gold—

Weather forecast

A deep depression to the S of Iceland will maintain a generally showery southerly airstream over most of Britain, while minor frontal troughs run northwards over western districts, giving a period of more organised rainfall.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E England, East Anglia, E Midlands: Rather cloudy, isolated showers, but some surry intervels; wind S veering SW moderate; max temp 13C (55F). W Midlands, N Wales, NW.

SW fresh to strong; max temp 12C (54F).
Channel Islands, SW England, SWales: Cloudy with rain at first, becoming brighter with showers; wind SE veering SW moderate to fresh; max temp 12C (54F).
Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Ceatral Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Stetland: Rather cloudy, showers or longer outbreaks of rain; wind mainly southerly moderate or fresh; max temp 11C (52F).
Northern Ireland: Becoming cloudy with outbreaks of rain, then showers later; wind SE backing NW moderate; max temp 10C (50F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday; Sunny Intervals and isolated showers tomorrow, further cloud and rain spreading from the W on Sunday. Near normal temperatures.

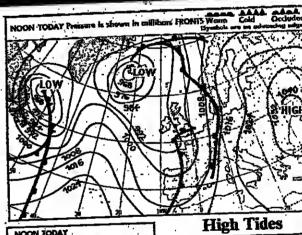
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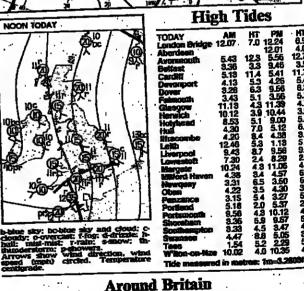
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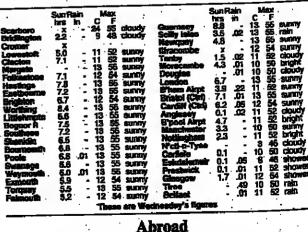
Parliament today (9.30): Continu-

ation of debate on Queen's Speech (Subject for debate: for-Tyes. Printed by London Post ers) Limited of 1 Virginia London E1 9701 and by Scotland Lid., 124 Perunan Kinning Park. Glasgow G41





Around Britain



Abroad



 Fear capital loss for blunder 4 Gave false ideotity and dis-

appeared (6.3). 9 He improves if on red mean is cooked (9). 10 Author of

Armada" you initially find pompous (5). 11 Exclusive he may be, using Strand entrance with fellow member (8.7).

12 Get a small bite from bees in the river (6). 14 Mountain retreat, invigorating and harmless (8). 17 Indigestible food giving us a

hard time (8). 19 Stick present on bill (6). 22 Removal of black from the works improves output (15).

24 5 African antelope or tailless bird (5). 25 Made to work in a sort of

sludge (9). 26 Police officer Gogol made a General (9).

27 Sort of vessel in which Boot of the Beast appeared (5).

1 Ynu say I am 10 go in first? What a surprise! (3-6).

2 Piped music is inevitably so 3 Breed of Russian parrot?

4 Small shrub planted in what sounds like sphagnum (6). 5 Dons have a new bible to

account (7).

Third man, say, might catch it — a faint possibility (3.6). 8 Cook's vessel — could have been a ferry? (5). 13 Waste bits of potato - we got good stocks (4.5).

15 Made orderly put an end 1 immorality (7,2). Being in the dark. I allow no intrusion (8).

Male part in the Orient the leading lady (7). 20 Very dense, these stars.

though animated on the screen (7). 21 Derelict or antiquated office 22 Climbing, one would ge

very warm inside this gar ment (5). 23 Short opening passage could be a psalm (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,202 RESULTED

The first Lendon to Brig motor run, 1896.

As consumption of chicken continues to rise shoppers are advised to look out for the Quality British Chicken which ensures they are getting the best value for money. Small hen turkeys may be in short supply for Christmas and will be slightly more expensive than ast year but the price of the larger stag turkeys will probably

something of a slanging match ist n as questions are greeted with a list.

Precisely who chartered the

ships and planes, their exact cargo and who financed the

operations remain unclear. One source said the Iranians

paid cash for all the supplies,

Although the Administra-

tion insists that it has violated

no laws, it is diffic ult for

international lawyers to make

an assessment while details

Food prices

routine "No comment".

Meat and poultry on promo-Meat and pounty on promo-tion to shops and supermarkets include: Tesco: pork chops £1.28 a lb and New Zealand lamb shoulder 66p a lb; Presto: hume-produced lamb £1.36 a lb and lamb chops £1.76 a lb; Frest fish prices are un vet Fresh fish prices are up yet again this week but the quality of those available is very good. Large cod fillets, plaice and whiting are up about 3p a lb and lemon and Dover sole are also

note expensive. Sprats are good value at 55p a lb. The average price of peeled prawns is £4.66 a lb but the range could be as low as £2 in some areas and as high as £8 in others. Crekles, musas £2 in some areas and as night as £8 in others. Cockles, mussels, whelks and shrimp are around £1 a pint.

The choice in fruit is good at resent and satsumas at 25-45p present and satsumas at 25-45p a lb are much sweeter than they were a few weeks ago. Oranges 8-20p each, lemons 8-18p each, coxes apples 25-50p. French Golden Delicious and Granny Smith apples 25-45p a lb, Conference pears 25-46p a lb and avocados from 25n each. from 25p each.

from 25p each.

Home grown root vegetables are plentiful and good value. English green cabbases 10-20p a lb, celery 35-45p a head, cautiflower 25-50p each and Brussels sprout 9-20p a lb, are all best brys. Imported broccoli is slightly cheaper this week at between 50p and 85p a lb.

Top Films The top box-office films

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The Mission Mona Lisa 4 (4) Top Gun 5 (3) A Nightmare on Elm Street 2 6 (5) Legal Eagles 7 (7) A Room With a View

9 (8) About Last Night 10 (6) Basii, The Great Mouse De-tective The top films in the pro Mona Lisa Legal Eagles Cindenella 5 A Nightmare on Elm Street 2

Top video rentals Death Wish 3 Teen Wolf Year of the Dragon The Delta Force 5 - Spies Like Us 6 (4) Prizza's Honor 7(10) The Vindicator 6 (5) No Retreat, No Surrender

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

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Bargains 27780 (32691) USM (Datastream) 130.50 (-0.41)

THE POUND

US Dollar 1.4245 (-0.0015) W German mark 2.8647 (-0.0215) Trade-weighted 68.2 (-0.3)

Hoover bonus

British employees of Hoover, the US domestic appli-acce group, are offered a lifetime peosioo contributions holiday io a package to cut the surplus in the company's pen-

The surplus is estimated at £123 million. Hoover's British workforce has falleo from a peak at 16,000 to 5,500. The company has proposed winding up the existing scheme and replacing it with a new scheme with improved benefits.

The distribution will total £87 million, of which £42 million will go towards improved pressions. House, wellproved pensions. Hoover will take £27 millioo and the

Inland Revenue £18 million. Employees had objected to earlier proposals to split the cash equally between the com-pany, employees and the Revenue. Hoover said yesterday it felt the package met all reason-able objections to the earlier

Profits rise

Land Securities, the UK's largest property company, revealed a 7.2 per cent rise in interim pretax profits for the half year to September 30 1986 to £58,1 million. The interim dividend is 3,25p per share, a 12 per cent increase and earnings per share stood at 7.51p compared with 6.46p for the same period the pre-

Wellcome up

Wellcome, phamaceuticals group, raised its pretax profits for the year to August 31 by 3 per cent to £125.3 millioo oo turnover virtually uochaoged at £1,005.4 million. A dividend of 1.32p has been declared. Tempus, page 29

Royal record

Third quarter results at Royal Insurance showed an spectacular recovery in the United States and a good performance in Britain. Pretax profits were £105.7 million compared with £34.4 million for the previous third quarter. City surprised, page 28

Profits up

Storehouse, the Habit-at/Mothercare/BHS combine, announced its first interim results since the merger. Pretax profits for the 24 weeks to September 14 rose 20 per cent to £37 million. The dividend was increased 15 per cent to

Tempas, page 29

Bid talks

Glasgow Stockholders Trust has received an approach which may lead to an offer. A further announcement will be made "as sooo as possible."

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MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS	M
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INTEREST RATES S-month Interbank 11½-11³1a% 3-month eligible bills:10²³32-1¹1a%

Prime Rate 7%% Federal Funds 5%%* 3-month Treasury Bills 5.39-5.37%* 30-year bonds 96¹³x-99*

CURRENCIES



September, T&N oow has the backing of unnamed parties who can deliver a further 14 white knight in an agreed bid for AE. The move came less than a week after the City per cent. With close on 44 per Takeover Panel gave percent of AE shares under his mission for a renewed offer from T&N after a mooth-long belt, Sir Francis looks to be in investigation into share deals during the first takeover bat-tle. The investigation ended a dominant position. Terms of the new offer are 11 new T & N shares and £8 in cash for every 10 shares m with the censure of AE's AE. On the basis of last night's closing price of 174p for T & N shares, the offer values each AE share at 271p. advisers, Cazenove and Hill

Sir Francis Tombs, chair-

man of the engineering group Turner & Newall, last night made his long-awaited re-entry into the battle for con-

T&N is making a renewed and final offer of £271 million

in cash and shares for the beleaguered automive eu-

gineering group, which is on the receiving end of another hid from Mr Rohert Maxwell's Hollis group.

Sir Francis also disclosed

what may prove to be the trump card in the long-run-ning fight for AE. In addition to the near-30 per cent holding which failed narrowly in

trol of AE group.

The Hollis offer was warmly

T&N scents victory

the benefits which can be

whatsoever and which is

On November 4, Hollis, the

much smaller furniture and timber arm of Mr Maxwell's

business empire, emerged as a

unnattractive on terms."

Manufacturing output up 1.2%

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

There was a strong, 1.2 per cent rise io manufacturing output in September, although the figures may be creatic. They included a 21 per cent increase in car output in September, largely reversed in October, according to Department of Trade and Industry

figures yesterday. In the latest three months, nanufacturing ootput was up 1.3 per cent on the previous three months, but only 0.9 per cent up on the third quarter of last year because of a downin the second half of last year

and the early part of this year. Industries enjoying a robust recovery in the July-September period included chemicals, up 3.2 per cent oo the previous three mooths, and electrical and instrument engineering, up 3.9 per cent.

But output was down in metals, motor vehicles and parts - in spite of the sharp September rise in car output, and man-made fibres. Food, at \$1.4227

Industrial productioo drink and tobacco, clothing showed a healthy rise in the third quarter, helped by a manufacturing sectors showed increases in line with the manufacturing sectors showed increases in line with the overall rise in manufacturing

Industrial production as whole, including energy out-put, was up 0.7 per cent in September, and by 1.5 per cent in the third quarter, compared with the previous quarter. Third-quarter North Sea oil

output rose 6.3 per cent.

The industrial production figures, while more encouraging than for some time, underline that the output of consumer goods is oot keeping op with high-street spending.

was up I per cent oo a year earlier, while consumer spending rose 5 per cent. However, manufacturers may have run down stocks to accommodate extra spending. • The pound fell further

yesterday but recovered some ground. It closed 0.3 lower against leading currencies at an average value of 68.2 after earlier falling to 68. Against the dollar it was 1/2 cent lower

underwritten by Kleinwort Benson, are being issued at

180p. The existing shares fell

10p to 205p on ocws of the

October 4, which included a jump in pretax profits from £3.2 million to £5.2 million,

increasing dependence oo

packaging, which now ac-counts for half of group sales and 63 per cent of trading

Earnings per share, restated

after a four-for-one boous

issue in June, rose 35 per cent to 7.5p and the interim divi-

dend was raised from 2.6p to

By Martin Baker

second tranche of payment will be £50.

hold them for three years,"

said Mr Michael Richardson,

Rothschild's managing director of corporate finance.

Today is the last day to

showed

Figures for the 27 weeks to

Waddiogtoo's

£22m rights call by John Waddington

By Richard Lander

Joho Waddingtoo, the ing made in Label Converters, packaging, games and busi-oess forms group, is raising £22.4 million through a rights issue, most of which will be underwritten by Kleinwort used to finance expansioo of its plastics and packaging interests on both sides of the

Atlantic. Waddington has already earmarked a home for £8 million of the one-for-four issue, which was announced alongside a 60 per cent in-

crease in pretax profits. A total of £4 million will be invested in plant and equipment for the recently-acquired Comet Products, an American company making oven-proof plastic trays, while a similar amount will be spent to expand the British cartons and plastics businesses. Further investments are be-

'yield' 20% IAIN PRICE CHANGES Small investors in British Gas will have a strong finan-cial incentive to hold their

Tate & Lyle ... F Copson BPB Ind. Blue Circle ... Helical Bar ...

GOLD London Flatog: AM \$408.85 pm-\$407.50 close \$407.00-407.50 (\$286.00-286.50) New York: Comex \$407.30-407.80*

NORTH SEA OIL Brent (Dec.) pm \$14.75bbl (\$14.80) * Denotes latest trading price

with new £271m bid for AE group By John Bell, City Editor Sir Francis said last night; "We have renewed our offer because we still believe in the powerful logic of combining AE and Turner & Newall and

welcomed by AE's chairman, Sir John Collyear. He said then that Mr Maxwell's intended strategy of developing Hollis as a high technology-based manufacturing group

was entirely consistent with the aims of AE. expected to accrue to shareholders and employees One of the more cootrover-sial aspects of the Hollis deal as a result of the merger. "The board of AE has tried was that control of the comto pre-empt a renewed offer by bined AE-Hollis group would switch to Mr Maxwell's masrecommending shareholders to accept an offer from Hollis which has no industrial logic

ter company, Pergamon. Sir Francis commented last night that Pergamoo is oot controlled in Britain but by Pergamoo Holding Founda-tion, a trust based in Liechtenstein, the beneficiaries of

T & N confirmed its earlier forecast that profits for this year will be greater than those for 1985 and also repeated its promise that shareholders will receive a 50 per cent increase in total dividend this year.

AE shares closed last night at 268p, just below the level of T & N's final offer, while Hollis shares were unchanged

Defections may end in court fight

By Richard Thomson **Banking Correspondent**

The mass defection of staff from W I Carr, the stock-broker also known as Wico, appeared to be escalating yes terday as it looked likely that up to 80 people would be moving to Swiss Bank Corporation.

Most of the defections are Most of the defections are happening in Wico's Far East operation where there has been long-standing discontent among staff. Apart from SBC, Barclays de Zoete Wedd is also interested in attracting staff from Wice, although BZW is believed to be mainly interested in the London end already recruited a team of six Japanese Euroconvertible stocks experts from Wico this

Mr Richard Davey, the financial director of Exco International which owns Wice, said yesterday: "The numbers of staff who have already given notice exceed the original estimates." Althe original estimates." Al-though he did not give an exact number, first reports of the defections suggested that 26 directors, analysts and salesmen were leaving.

"The situation is in a state of flax. The eventual oumber of resignations have yet to be seen," he added.

Exco is actively considering taking legal action over the defections. Mr Davey said that Wico had a total staff of about 400 in London and the Far East and that although the defections were a blow, the company had already begun to repair the damage by recruit-ing new staff. He said some existing staff had given assurances that they would be staying with the company.

£18m hotel Rush & Tompkins, the con-

tractor and developer, is to build an £18 million hotel next to the Scottish exhibition and conference centre in Glasgow. The 300-bedroom botel will be operated by Forum Hotels International.

Virgin's quarter-mile queue Bishopsgate, where extra staff had been recruited to handle the issue. Investors had to left the rock market behind for a few minotes

vesterday as his company headed for its well publicised entry to the Stock Market. The £250 million share flotation of the records and tender at a minimum price of 120p. The final striking price is expected to be announced today. About 100,000 applications for the entertainment group closed oversubscribed after queues of investors stretching almost a flotation have been received at prices of between 140p and 180p, according to es-

quater of a mile thronged the City with last-minute applications. Mr Bransoo met prospec-Computer overload brings further disruption to SE

Dealings on the Stock Exchange were disrupted yet again yesterday when the market's SEAQ share trading system was temporarily closed down amid its worst problems since it was launched on Big Bang day, October 27.

The system was shut down for about 30 minutes in early business as about 10 marketmakers found it impossible to feed in secret signing-on codes and quote their prices. There were further problems throughout the day as partici-pants were unable to update prices and report trades. Several firms found themselves switched off from the system as their input lines to the SEAQ compoter failed.

A Stock Exchange spokesman said that the problems were again due to overloading

of the Topic price informatioo system. He said SEAQ was shut down on the principle that all firms should have equal access to the market. Some firms had problems this morning. After that parts of the communications sys-tems of some firms ran into

firms which face sporadic problems," the spokesman Mr David Rochester, a managing director of Merrill Lynch, ooe of the firms affected, said: "SEAQ had a hardware problem which impeded our ability to gain entry to the system until around

problems. There are still five

A spokesman for County Securities said: "From 9am to 2pm we had problems updating our prices. We sus-

through SEAQ because people get very annoyed with you when you say that the screen price is not firm because you haven't been able to update

Firms affected by the problems, which have dogged SEAQ sioce its launch at Big Bang, resorted to dealing through the floor of the Stock Exchange, although some cootinued to update prices and trades through back-up work-stations.

Io reply to the adverse publicty that SEAQ has at-tracted, Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman of the Stock Exchange, said in a letter to The Times oo October 31 that the system had worked for more than 97 per cent of scheduled service time.

Brierley lifts stake in Ocean to 23.6% By Cliff Feltham

Mr Roo Brierley the New Zealand entrepreneur, raided the stock market yesterday to lift his stake in his potential takeover victim Ocean Trans-port and Trading to 23.6 per

Mr Brierley — who is bidding more than £300 million for the company — already holds a 10 per cent stake but raised it with a £41 million having specified we need to buying spree picking up nearly 16 million shares at around 260p a share. A spokesman for IEP, the

iovestment vehicle through which he is mounting the hid, said: "This proves there are enough shareholders around who think our terms are reasonable.

But Ocean Traosport, which is bitterly resisting the takeover attempt, hit back in a letter to its own shareholders claiming Mr Brierley was trying to get the company oo the

eheap. Mr Bill Menzies-Wilsoo the chairman, said: "The bid values Oceao oo a price/earnings ratio of only 13. Clearly, a hid at such a low multiple is oowhere oear adequate to secure cootrol of a rapidly expanding company with excellent growth

TEP dismissed the claim by saying: "We have heard all this before."

Mr Brierley, who is keep to acquire Ocean Transport to iotegrate its transport operations with those of Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn in which he owns a controlling stake, recently lifted his offer for the company by £48 million to £306 million. **Uoder Takeover Panel rules**

he is free to carry oo buying in the market up to the 29 per cent level. Ocean Transport shares yesterday finished at 254p, up 4p.

Plessey wins £75m Rapier radar order

9,20am.

... By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

ish Telecom.

Plessey has been awarded a for the national telephone cootract worth more than £75 network. million to supply the surveilradar for the British Acro-space Rapier 2000 air defence a sharp improvement in the telecommunications business lance and target acquisition system ordered yesterday by the Ministry of Defence.

The announcement came as Sir John Clark, chairman and chief executive of Plessey, revealed a 24 per cent increas in pretax profits to £87.4 million for the six mooths to the end of September.

He also said Plessey was seeking approval from the French aothorities for System X to be considered as the alternative digital exchange

Clyde in £14m Berkeley bid

Clyde Petroleum is offering to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of Berke-ley Exploration for £13.96 million in an agreed bid. This is well above Ranger Oil's cash offer of £11 million.

Clyde is offering 11 of its own shares for every 10 Berkeley shares. The share offer is worth approximately 57p a share, and there is a full cash alternative worth 51.7p.

The terms of the merger mean that there will be oo dilution and Clyde's chair-man, Mr Colio Phipps, said last night that Clyde was not paying a premium. He said that the merged company would have more than 60 million barrels of oil and gas reserves and 5 producing oilfields in the North Sea.

Gas shares Bonn cuts back its spending targets

Bonn (Reuter) - The West German government has scaled down its forecast for shares.
A combination of gas vouchers, worth a £10 discount against bills on 150 shares, and a forecast contains the contains of the contains the co

shares, and a forecast gross dividend of £5.63 to be paid in a statement by Herr Friedrich October, 1987, will provide a net return of 20.8 per cent on a minimum outlay of £75, says NM Rothschild, bankers to scheduled at DM23.7 billion. Herr Voss also said spend-

The calculation of the capital outlay assumes that the second tranche of payment pared with an estimate of 2.9 per cent increase approved by the cabinet in July. Spending will be £50.

This high yield is to the cabinet in July. Speam tarencourage people not to sell had provisionally been tarstraight away, while the bonus geted to rise to DM271 billion in DM263.48 billion in

Herr Voss's statement came during a meeting of the par-liamentary budget committee which made the proposals with register priority. Customers the backing of the government.
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British Gas on 1272 272 272.

reduction in federal borrowing for next year was a remarkable achievement, especially since the central government expects its tax income for 1987 to be DM800 million below the

original target.
The government said earlier this week that total public authority tax income for both 1986 and 1987 would be some DM2.9 billion below target. Herr Voss said the continuation of tight spending policies was necessary in order not to endanger the primary finan-cial aim of the government for

the next legislative period of reducing significantly the tax barden on both individuals Herr Voss said federal spending had risen by an average of 2 per cent per year since 1983, but noted that since 1985 there had been a markedly sharper increase in spending by the regional states

One vote throws out London Wall plan

The Corporation of the City of London has decided by a hair's breadth to overturn the decision of its planning committee to allow MEPC, The jump in Plessey's firstone of Britain's largest prop-erty companies to demolish Lee House on London Wall half profits was mainly due to and replace it with 300,000 sq where operating profits improved from £23.8 million to ft of new offices designed to accommodate fioaocial £37.9 million, thanks to a £6 corporations in the aftermath millioo turnround at the US of Big Bang.
Mr Michael Cassidy, the chairman of the Corporation's subsidiary Stromberg-Carlsoo and much higher deliveries of

System X equipment to Britplanning committee, said last night: "We are most dis-appointed especially in view of the closeness of the decision." The results, however, failed to liftthe shares which slipped 10p to 180p. Sales io the half year rose by £30.3 million to £687 million. The vote was 57 against and 56 m favour. Comment, page 27

"The overwhelming need for the City to meet demand for

such property within the Square Mile remains as urgent as ever. We must now consider the other applications for London Wall and judge the

poblic response to this decision," he said. Last night, MEPC said it was reviewing the situation on whether to appeal or go ahead with a new application.

Six other applications are in train to redevelop buildings lining Loudon Wall and which are now considered inadequate to cope with the demands of Big Bang. And the City is facing the threat of an alternative 10 million sq ft financial centre in the shape of Canary Wharf in Londoo's Docklands planned by a for-eign banking consortium.

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Street prices declined slightly

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trading yesterday. A mild gain in bond prices failed to spark

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transport indicator slipped 0.13 to 846.09. The broader Standard & n advance in stocks. Poor's 500-share index lost The Dow Jones industrial 0.52 at 246.12.

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CANADIAN PRICES

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autumn statement

By Rodney Lord Economics Editor

The Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee, which is due to take evidence from the Chancellor next week, has received advice endorsing the decisions in the autumn statement.

In a memorandum to the committee, Mr Gavyn Davies, an adviser and chief economist with Goldman Sachs, the investment banker. says the decision to substitute public spending for tax cuts is a sensible one.

There is no economic case for fuelling further consumer spending and imports, be says. Public spending is likely to create more jobs than tax cuts. though too much of the increase in spending plans represents public sector pay rather than help for the unemployed. If the Chancellor keeps the

public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) at £7 billion next year, the fiscal stance will remain roughly neutral. That could leave scope for tax cuts worth about £1 billion. But Mr Davies believes public spending is likely to exceed the revised targets raising next year's PSBR to £9 billionor £10 billion. This would re-inforce the case for

counter-inflation action. With public spending planned to rise in real terms, the conflict between prudent borrowing levels and objectives for tax cuts will continue. The buoyancy of non-oil revenues will cease when the consumer boom ends, and in the years after 1987-88 a tax increase of £3 billion might be necessary to maintain the PSBR at £7 billion.

Unless pay deals slow down, a fail in the pound may be needed to maintain

Support for Brokers' reports add fuel to Gulf and IC Gas bid dispute

Is Imperial Continental Gas, the Calor Gas company fighting off a £750 million takeover bid, planning a £300 million acquisition of its own? Mr Michael Rendle, the

deputy chairman, says not. But I C Gas's bidder, Gulf Resources, controlled by the twins Mr David and Mr Frederick Barclay, is convinced otherwise. Mr Rendle accused the Barclays of misleading share-holders after their formal offer

document suggested that a deal is in the wind. But

according to recent reports on IC Gas by four firms of stockbrokers, the idea has been discussed in some detail. Laing & Cruickshank said: Certainly the company has declared that it intends to make a major acquisition (£100 million to £300 million) in an energy or bydrocarbons-

related business, but so far

imperial continental Gas Share Price

there has been no sign of it."

The firm of WI Carr is more specific. On June 25 this year, the company's team of oil analysts wrote: "The strength of the balance sheet leaves the group well placed to expand by acquisition. Tar-gets, ranging in value as high as £300 million, have been evaluated."

Also in June, the leading stockbroking firm of Scrimgeour Vickers reported: "I C Gas has said it intends to make a sizeable oil and nonoil acquisition. A range of £50 million to £300 million has

County Securities told its

month: "The group is still looking for a major acquisition, of the order of £250 million, to relieve its position following the sale of CompAir last year.

IC Gas has, of course, made no such statement of ficially. But it is unlikely that researchers from four such reputable firms could have dreamt up the idea.

Mr Rendle says the message to analysts was that his group had the capability to mount a bid of the size mentioned by the analysts. But be stress there was in fact nothing specific in mind."I think that this is a side issue," he said

I C Gas is now preparing its fence document in response to the 530p per share cash offer from Guif. Meanwhile. the shares remain well above that level, suggesting that the offer from elsewhere.

Merrett set for record profit

groups, expects record pretax profits of about £5.5 million this year, compared with £1.8 million last year. Half-year profits to the end of June were £5.03 million compared with £1.34 million in the previous

The chairman, Mr Stephen Merrett, who has just been reelected to the Council of Lloyd's, said the figures reflected the return to more

Merrett Holdings, one of in the 1983 account on marine ing the pre Lloyd's largest underwriting and aviation syndicates. Non-syndicate 79. appointing. Mr Merrett also said non

marine syndicate 799 had exceeded its premium capacity in 1984 and 1985, but the board believed the committee of Lloyd's had failed to take fall account of the improvement in management systems and controls at Merrett, when syndicate 799 in 1987 to 85 per

cent of gross capacity.

An appeal has been made against the committee's direction. If it is unsuccessful, syndicate 799's capacity next year will be the same as the 100 per cent capacity this year. In 1987 the group expects an increase in the premium

capacity of managed syndicates of about 18 per cent, but profit to shareholders is unlikely to rise much above

Trade talks with China 'to become an annual event'

From Robert Grieves, Peking

Anglo-Chinese trade negosession held last month in Shanghai during the Queen's visit are expected to become annual events, Lord Young, Secretary of State for Employment, said in Peking yes-

"After discussions with officials from the China Council for the promotion of international trade, we have agreed to hold the next seminar in 1987 in Tianjin," Lord Young

Lord Young is meeting a 32-member British trade delega-tion on an eight-day tour of talks with Chinese officials here and at Tianjin ending on Monday. The delegation includes

epresentatives of Balfour Beatty, British Aerospace, British Shiphuilders Davy McKee, Hawker Siddeley, Rolls-Royce and Short

Brothers.
Lord Young called the visit
"a very significant opportunity" in the imported goods

British industry. China's pretiations similar to the bistoric sent five-year plan stresses development of its transport

Trade between China and Britain is increasing all the time, but there is still room for improvemen L" Lord Young

Between January and September of this year, Chinese exports to Britain totalled more than £225 million, while British exports to China amounted to more than £396

British Acrospace yesterday announced the signing of a \$750,000 (£526,000) contract with the China National Aero-Technology Import and Export Corporation (CATIC) for the assembly of advanced turbo-prop aircraft rudders at the Shenians Aircraft Company the Sheniang Aircraft Corporation in Liaoning province.
In addition, Mr John

Glasscock, commercial director of British Aerospace, said the first of 10 BA-146s ordered "a very significant opportu-nity" in the imported goods market and in transport for was delivered yesterday.

Mitchell Somers edges ahead to £957,000

COMPANY NEWS

Mitchell Somers, the West Midlands engineering group yesterday announced a marginal improvement in half year pretax profits, rising to £957,000 up £30,000 on the same period last year.

The company said results from its traditional engineer-ing areas were dising areas were. appointing": although: recent "cnaquisitions produced

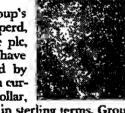
The interim dividend of 1.75p a share is being maintained and the company is to appoint a finance director to strengthen its management

Tumover for the six months to September 27 was £15.5 million (£13.9 million) and earnings per share 3.9p (3.5p). Trading profit was up on last year, but interest charges claimed £76,000.

WELLCOME RESULTS 1986

Antiviral products make significant gains

Reviewing the Group's past year, Mr A. J. Shepperd, Chairman of Wellcome plc, reports: "Our results have been adversely affected by the weakening of certain currencies, notably the US dollar.



against sterling. In fact, in sterling terms, Group turnover was slightly ahead at £1,005m, compared with £1,004m for the previous year. Group profit before taxation was £125.3m - an increase of 3% - while the overall Group profit margin to turnover was 12.5% against the previous year's figure of 12.1%.

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Movements in exchange rates are estimated to have adversely affected the comparison between the two years by some £110m in respect of turnover and £20m in respect of profit before tax.

"However, if the 1985 figures are re-expressed at this year's exchange rates, turnover and profit before tax show increases of 12% and 23% respectively.

The Group's tax charge this year is 51%, compared with 54% in the previous year. Changes in tax legislation being undertaken in the USA should lead to some reduction in tax charges and, while the effect will be minimal in 1987, there should be greater benefits in 1988.

Growth in overseas markets

The growth in Group turnover was most marked in the USA. Continental Europe and Japan.

The continued introduction of acyclovic particularly assisted growth in the latter two markets.



Borrowings reduced

The issue of new shares earlier in the year raised £45.6m. enabling us to reduce our Group net borrowings at the year end to £46.1m. Net borrowings now represent 9% of shareholders funds, compared with lo" ofor last year. *Our total expendi-

ture on research and development for the year was £132m, representing 13.2% of Group turnover, and reflecting the in-

creased number of compounds moving from the research stage and thus requiring more expensive development resources.

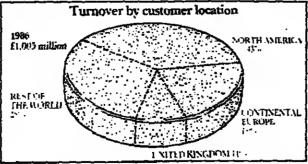
"During the year we also san our capital expenditure programme continue according to plan. Over the year we spent £88m, compared with £74m in

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	1986 £m	1985 £m
Turnover	1,005.4	1003.6
Research and development expenditure	132.5	122.0
Profit before taxation	125.3	121.7
Profit attributable to shareholders	63.9	59.6
Distributions to shareholders	17.4	16.8
Earnings per ordinary share	7.8p	7.5p
Shareholders' funds	513.6	438.6
Employees	18,764	18,342

Acyclovir becomes largest seller

"In the field of human healthcare, sales of acyclovir. the active ingredient of our antiviral products, have reached £105m. a 69% increase over the previous year's figure of

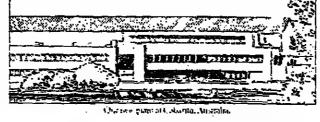
Acyclovir has this year become our largest selling product in turnover terms, and we believe there is further sales growth to come, particularly in Japan, A further reason for opumism relates to the expected use of acyclovir in the treatment of shingles.



Sales of our muscle-relaxing agent, atracunium, continued to increase, with a rise of 18% in USA sales, compared with the previous year. Total sales for the year were £32m.

Other established products - particularly cotrimoxazole and allopurinol - have continued to sell well. However, in the face of generic competition, they now make less of a contribution to Group turnover and profits

Our cough and cold products. ACTIFED and SUDAFED, retained their lead in the US markets against substanually more aggressive competition.



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"A major success in the USA.was NEO-SPORIN, a topical antibiotic, which was advertised for the first time on national television with beneficial results.

"In the UK, the adverse effects on sales of some of our products by the Government's 'limited list' have been mitigated to some extent by the active promotion of ACTIFED as an overthe-counter product.

"Overall, the balance of our business has changed slightly, with faster growth in Japan and Western Europe than in the USA. The dramatic increase in Japanese sales is due almost entirely to sales of acyclovir which is providing a base from which we can increase the growth of our Japanese company.

Wellcom

Coopers Animal Health

Coopers Animal Health was formed in 1984 by a merger of the international animal health businesses of Wellcome and ICI. Today, all but three of the operating units are trading profitably.

"However, the problems of farmers in the world's major agricultural areas have continued, and the depression in agriculture has affected the demand for Coopers products.

"For the year, a pre-tax loss of £9.7m for Coopers is included in the Group's results, compared with £8.2m for last year.

Dividend and future prospects

London NW1 2BP.

The directors of Wellcome plc are recommending a final dividend for the year of 1.32p per ordinary share. This is equivalent to the dividend of 1.86p per ordinary share, inclusive of tax credit, forecast in the prospectus.

"It has been an eventful year in which the Group has made considerable progress. We are all set to face the rear ahead, which I view with continued optimism in the knowledge that the Group will draw on the great strength of its many employees throughout the world. I thank them for their efforts during the last year."

If you would like a copy of the Wellcome pic Annual Report for 1986 (available from 4 December), please write to The Public Relations Department, Wellcome pic, The Wellcome Building, PO Box 129, 183 Euston Road,

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Valor, the home appliance • ENGLAND TRUST GRroup, made pretex profits for
the half year to Sentember 26.

Secretary of State for Trade and group, made pretax profits for

the half year to September 26. of £3.5 million, a rise of 25.7 per cent on turnover up 7.4 per cent at £62.4 million. that the two first halves were.

winter. It said it was looking forward to the privatization of British Gas and the opportunities it should offer for a wider range of its products in

Order books are strong, the company said. It recom-mended a 12.5 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 1.53p, and expected a similar increase in the final.

• INFRARED ASSOCIATES: The company announces that its subsidary, Infrared Systems, has acquired from Barnes Engineering Co. of Stanford, Connecticot, its Infrared

Radiomete product line. • LEDA INVESTMENT TRUST: Unaudited net asset value as at October 31 was 246.9p a share.

JARDINE MATHESON
 HOLDINGS: IF Special Holdings, an investment arm of the group, said that talks are taking place which may lead to an offer being made for the company.

• NOLTUN: The purchase vices, Executive Services (London), and Executive Services (Midlands), is now determined at £860,818, based on the combined profit of £182,404 for the companies for the year to July 31. Additional consideration could fail due for each year ending July 31 1987, 1988 and 1989. After payment of the initial consideration of £593,419 net of expenses on July 29, the balance of £267,399 is to be satisfied by the issue of 575,052 ordinary shares, credited as fully paid. The shares will be placed at 47p with clients of Alexan-ders, Laing & Cruickshank and Margetts & Addenbrooke.

NEW TOKYO INVEST-MENT TRUST: The Bank of Scotland 1976 staff pension fund's holding has been reduced to 1.4 million ordinary shares

• RPH: Results for the half year to September 28. Figures in 2000s. Turnover 238.2 (208.5). Pretax profit 31.5 (17.3). Tax 9.9 (5.4). Profit attributable 21.6 (11.9). Earnings per share 15.2p (8.4p)

• ROBERT FLEMING: The company has announced the issue of \$100 million undated issue of \$100 million undated primary capital floating rate notes through its subsidiary. Robert Fleming Netherlands BV, under the guarantee of Robert Fleming Holdings. The issue, led by Credit Suisse First Boston, has been placed through a small group of banks.

• ANGLO AMERICAN CO-AL CORPORATION: Interim dividend 80 cents (same), payable January 6. Figures in Rand000 for half year to September 30. Turnover 615,000 (531,108), earnings before tax 236,089 (229,758), tax 130,500 (127,401), earnings per share 424 cents (412.1). The company says that, if the dollar/rand exchange rate remains at the higher present level, lower earnings can be anticipated for the second half and for the year. But the final dividend of 160 cents will be maintained. AL CORPORATION: Interim

Valor profits up 25%

Industry, has decided not to refer to the Monopolies Commission the proposed acer cent at £62.4 million. quisition of the company by PK.
The company pointed out Banken. • AGA: Figures in Skr millions

that the two first halves were not comparable because Valor had disposed of its motor components business, its direct kitchen sales and its South African offshoot, and had bought electrical appliance businesses.

The board expected a better result for the year end, with the help of a "seasonal"

AGA: Figures in Sk millions for mine months to September 30. Sales 6.852 (7,192), operating income 698 (845), income before year end provisions and tax 1,040 (663). The company says that plant investment in 1986 will be higher than in 1985.

The board expected a better HOSPITAL: Figures in £000 for year to July 31. Turnover 1.626 (1,350), profit before tax 46 (51 loss), no tax (same). earnings per share 3.3p (3.6p loss). The company has increased its profits before interest in its second full year of trading, but the chairman says that it is not anticipating increases in occupancy to maintain this rate

of growth.

• WORDPLEX: Rank Xerox pension fund's holding in the company is now 509,310 shares

(4.9 per cent).

SKF: The company has acquired the Mexican Bearing Company Ibisa (Industria de Balcros Intercontinental SA), It already had a 40 per cent stake and has now bought out its Mexican partner, Desc.

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• WADE POTTERIES: Final dividend 2.4p, making 3.5p (3). Figures in £100 for year to July 31. Profit before tax 1,671 (1,658), tax 571 (599), carnings chairman says profits in the charman says profits in the current year are running well ahead of those of last year. All group companies produced acceptable results with the exception of Wade (Ireland) where a loss of almost £300,000 was incurred, because of a reduction in demand for alcoholic production in demand for alcoholic part of the contraction in demand for alcoholic part alcoholic part and the contraction in demand for alcoholic part alcoholic reduction in demand for elec-trical porcelain insulators and temporary production prob-iems. These problems have now

• RAUMA-REPOLA OY: The company has agreed to sell Stesele Mekaniska Verkstad (SMV), part of its forest ma-chines division, to the Swadish company, Actor Sweden. A condition is that the buyer should agree to employ the plant's workforce of about 100.

DENSITRON INTERNAT-IONAL: Fiske and Co has purchased 60,000 ordioary shares on behalf of the Water Authorities' Superannuation Fund, which now holds 910.000 ordinary shares (5.6 per cent).

• UNILEVER: The acquisition by the company of more than 99 per cent of the shares of Naarden international was com-

company says that talks are taking place on a possible takeover of Husky. BASE

pleted yesterday.

HUSKY OIL, ENERGY: The

Adam & Company C. Hoare & Co. 11.00% STOCK MARKET REPORT

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Vaux Group leaps by 33p on whispers of a bid brewing

Accident to rally 8p to 837p and Commercial Union 1p to

But sentiment in the stores

was hit by a disappointing set

of figures from Storehouse.

climbed from £30.9 million to

£37.14 million. The rise was below most analysts' expecta-

tions. The market expressed

its disappointment by mark-

ing Storehouse shares 13p

lower at 311p. Great Universal Stores 'A' fell 10p to £10.55. Dixons, 6p to 334p, Burton Group, 6p to 274p, while takeover favourite.

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ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

Vaux Group, the North-east regional brewer, yesterday leapt 33p to 450p amid whispers that the long-awaited bid for the group may be just around the corner.

Speculation has been increased by a flurry of activity in shares of Pleasurama, the hotel and casino operator, which advanced 10p to 316p. This led to suggestions that it was flexing its financial muscle ahead of its next big deal. It is known that Pleasurama is keen to make a large

acquisition. This summer it held talks with Mount Charlotte Investments, the hotel operator, but the talks broke down because both sides apparently failed to agree on a

Pleasurama's name has been linked with Vaux before, and this meant Vaux's board was taking the threat seri-ously. Vaux has seen its share price hit a new peak of 550p. There have even been sugges-tions that Vaux, which is one of Britain's oldest established brewers, may have considered a friendly merger with Kennedy Brookes, the fast growing Wheelers and Mario Franco restaurant chain. Word in the market last night was that a bid of 600p a share may be made. That would value Vaux at £231.6 million. The Vaux board was nnavailable for

There were fun and games for Grand Metropolitan, the Truman and Watney Mann brewer, where it is thought one predator may have built up a near 5 per cent stake. The group was forced to announce that the trade report of 5. million shares by midday was a mistake. The correct figure was 5,000. However, business picked up and by the close 8.4 million shares had been

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traded. The shares finished the day t3p higher at 461p. The chill wind of higher interest rates continued to blow through the rest of the equity market and soon had investors on the retreat. Prices were marked sharply lower as unnover slowed to a trickle. The FT 30-index dipped below the 1300 level. The index, which had been 17.4 down at lunchtime, closed allove its worst levels of the day 9.4 lower at 1295.7.

The broader based FT-SE 100 managed to halve earlier losses closing 9.9 down at

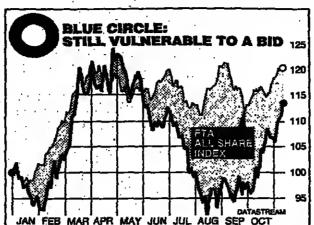
The weaker pound and renewed fears about inflation took their toll on Government securities where prices at the longer end of the market fell by £1. But the London International Financial Futures Ex-

 Keep an eye on Blen-heim Exhibitions, whose USM debut at 95p last mouth was overshadowed Big Bang. The company has since made an impression on analysts and next oth's "Export 86" exhibition is a sellout. Pretax profits of £800,000 against £502,000 are on target this year. The shares were unchanged at 130p.

change (Liffe) reported a record number of contracts in gilts. A total of 23,600 were

One of the few gains among blue chips was scored by BTR, the industrial conglomerate. The shares advanced 6p to 297p as a total of 9 million shares were traded. Dealers claim this latest rally in the price is a sign of support by the market following the appoint But Ratners, the jeweller, ment of Mr John Cahill as firmed 2p to 243p ahead of a

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Dealers who were rocked by Scottish institutions arranged by Kleinwort Grieveson, the the disappointing figures ear-lier this week from Commer-cial Union and General broker, later today. The mar-ket is hoping Mr Gerald Ratner, the chairman, will Accident were comforted by third quarter figures from Royal Insurance. These rehave some good news for the fund managers. The shares vealed pretax profits of £193.1 have been a firm market this year having come up from about the 111p level after a million compared with £16.6 million last time. Royal responded with a rise of 25p to 824p. This enabled General rights issue and rerating for the group.

for profit taking after the Government announced it had placed a £1 billion order with the army weapons division of the group.

The contract is for the design, development and initial production of the ultramodern Rapier 2000 air defence weapons system for delivery by the mid-1990's. The shares, which had anticipated news of the contract, opened at 498p before drifting to 488p and later rallying to 491p. The price closed 12p

lower at 486p.
Blue Circle Industries lost some of its speculative froth as the share price dipped 11p to 640p in spite of confirmation that Adelaide Steamship Co has built a stake of 8.17

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million shares, or 6.3 per cent of the total equity. Dealers remain convinced that Blue Circle is still vulnerable to a

A dull profits performance has hit the shares and earlier this summer saw them at a new low of 526p. But the appearance of Adelaide Steamship as a big buyer has repaired some of the damage. Adelaide may have chosen in remain tight-lipped, but the market hopes for a bid of more

than 700p a share. Mr Run Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, made a stock market swoop to lift his stake in Ocean Transport and Trading to 23.6 per cent. He paid 260p a share — the terms he is offering — and gathered more than 15 million shares to add to his original 10 per cent stake. Ocean hit back, claiming Brierley, through his IEP investment arm, was trying to

 Merger talks at Crown **Television Productions could** be good news for its shareholders. There are whispers that the mystery suitor is a privately-owned television and production company in the consumer industry with an enviable client list. Word is the deal could boost Crown's business by 50 per cent. The shares slipped 2p to 78p.

grab the company on the cheap. IEP is free to buy up to 29 per cent and says it will monitor the market before deciding whether to take another plunge.
Bunzl, the packaging and

paper group, lost some of its recent momentum and slid 3p to 200p. Earlier this week, the group met Phillips & Drew, the broker, and clearly made a favourable impression. Dealers reckon similar meeting may be in the pipeline and this could benefit the share price. Pearson, the publishin group, held steady at 586p. Recent hid speculation has dispersed since Hutchison Whampon announced it would not be taking its holding above the 4.9 per cent it held. Hutchison has been busy raising about \$2 billion in extra funds. This has led to speculation that it may decide to make an aggressive bid for Pearson. At these levels Pearson is capitalized at £1.16 billion.

Philips Lamps

rors, Philips Lamps shares were shown as suspended and incorrectly quoted in yesterday's Stock Exchange price tables.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

GEC and Plessey with antlers locked

unstable equilibrium but as each company is led by a dominant figure, each hostile to the other, no one would put his shirt on a constructive realignment of interests (in telecommunications and advanced componentry) that might benefit both. Below the top attitudes are more realistic and accommodating but the decisions are those of Lord Weinstock and Sir John Clark.

Meanwhile, Plessey continues to burnish the image that helped to secure its independence in the hooded eyes of the Monopolies Commission while GEC still finds it hard to accept that external perceptions of what it is about really matter. The latest message from Plessey concentrates on its spread of activities and the wealth of opportunites in the international market where Plessey claims it can succeed by its own exertions. Ironically, only a later announcement of the £75 million Rapier success in Britain stopped more pennies falling from the share price.

Plessey is a tiddler among the sharks of the international telecommunications market. In France, where Sir John is hopeful that System X might be chosen as the alternative digital exchange, Plessey is in com-petition with Siemens and American Telephone and Telegraph and in need of a reciprocal arrangement which

British Telecom has no intention of making. Like it or not, System X, which probably accounted for as much as £10 million of the jump in pretax profits, will remain centre stage. The best bet appears to be Bulgaria, which is playing host to Sir John next week: the Bulgars might just come up with an order.

In the United States, where Plessey admits it made a major mistake in anticipating the cost of adapting System X for the American market, tactics have changed. Plessey reckons that Stromberg-Carlson's own products can compete in 85 per cent of the market and that there in no financial sense in bringing over System X. The subsidiary is now firmly profitable but it needs a leap of imagination to see Plessey emerging ahead of Siemens and Ericcson.

The obvious market remains the US where the company has at least learned from its mistakes. The purchase of a specialist company, such at Digital Switch which makes high specification transmission equipment, still looks the most obvious course of action and would fit in with Sir John's wish to be able to offer big companies a turnkey telecommunications package.

One thing is certain: the Plessey share price cannot be sustained by francophilia and vigorous public rela-

Agency brokers feel fallout

facing serious problems as an agency broker for equities appear to be exaggerated. Capel itself insists that, far from business dropping away to a trickle as clients go for deals at net prices, their equity turnover is up since Big Bang. General market activity has been on the high side recently which has no doubt helped, but Capel claims that it has had several days of record business in the last two weeks.

But these are difficult times for agency brokers, whose business has almost certainly dropped since Big Bang. At this early stage, the agency broking arms of market-makers are suffering most. At one, the agency business on one particular day dwinturnover. This does not constitute a sample but may be an omen of things to come.

The reasons for these pressures are not wholly obvious, but may simply be a manifestation of the old City tendency towards specialization. If an institution wants an agency service it expect all six to last the course. Many from a broker specializing in agency into regular dealing relationships with business. That way it can spread its two or three favoured IDBs, though business more widely around the not all market-makers favour the

Suggestions that James Capel may be direct to do its net trades when it does not want the extra services and commission charges of an agency.

In the gilt-edged market, events have taken a slightly different course. Plenty of business still appears to be coming the way of the broker-dealers, but some of their number, according to market-makers, have been acting like spivs. They took advantage of the early technological problems by regularly picking off market-makers who had been left behind by the system.

If turnover has been buoyant in equities, it has been positively booming in gilt-edged. Estimates of turnover range from about double to three times the turnover before Big Bang. The reason is largely the advent of the interdealer brokers, which are living dled to a meagre 10 per cent of total up to all the Bank of England's expectations. Roughly haif daily turnover appears to be channelled through the six IDBs as market-makers take advantage of the anonymity they provide to offset positions.

So far buoyant volumes has been making life easy for the IDBs, but few market, using the market-makers same IDBs.

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The October unemployment figures, published yesterday, appear in provide firm evidence of a sea change in the labour market. After seasonal adjustment, the jobless total fell by 25,000, after a 26,400

fall in September.

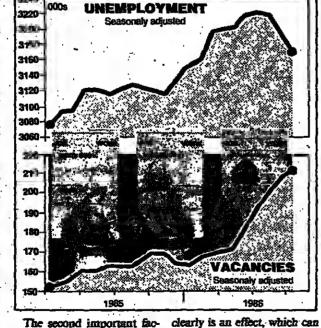
The fall over the latest three months, 55,600, is the biggest since autumn 1973. Job vacancies, even excluding the effects of the Community Programme, rose last month to their highest since the present series of statistics began in January 1980. It should be unambiguously

good news. But it is not. And The first is that unemployment remains at a very high level. The fall over the three months to November 1973, with which the latest drop is being compared occurred when an earlier Conservative Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Anthony (now Lord) Bar-

ber, was creating the con-ditions for both a consumer spending boom and higher public expenditure.
There are similarities between the Barber boom then and the Lawson boom now. The difference is that unemployment was falling then from a level of well under 1 million. Now it is falling from a level comfortably above 3

There are three factors at work in the onemployment figures. The first is that, after a pause in the second half of last year and the early part of this year, the economy has started in pick up, as evidenced by the manufacturing nutput figures, showing rises of 0.7 per cent in the second quarter and 1.3 per

cent in the third quarter. There was a third quarter slowdown in the rate of job decline in manufacturing to 20,000, from 40,000 in the second quarter. Other indications of recovery, notably in



be expected to increase with the impact of the two-year

Youth Training Scheme, which started in April.

The Restart programme, lauded by the Secretary of

State for Employment, Lord Young of Graffham, as one

factor behind the September fall in the jobless total, is also

having an effect. Restart, under which the long-term

unemployed are counselled

and directed into training, special measures or employ-

ment, became a national

scheme in July and would have first affected the August

memployment statistics.

of the scale of its impact.

but did not affect the October

count, may have a once-for-all

impact on the figures. A large

The second important factor, and one that has been impact of the Government's employment measures. Over the six months to October, the expansion of the employment measures, and notably the Community Programme, con-tributed a 5,000-a-month fall

in unemployment.
This, coincidentally, almost matched the 5,400 average monthly fall in the seasonally

adjusted jobless total.
But there is good reason to believe that this understates the impact of government schemes. The Department of Employment has become rather self-righteous about the Youth Training Scheme in recent months. It is no longer regarded as an employment measure, but as a training

Thus, while figures are provided for the number on the Youth Training Scheme -360,000 at the end of September compared with 330,000 at the end of August — no estimates are now provided for their impact on the unfall into the category of dis-couraged workers, who have effectively dropped out of the labour market for lack of incentive.

The number of discouraged workers was estimated at 1.08 million in the 1985 Labour Force Survey. On the other hand, there were 760,000 people who were actively looking for jobs but were not eligible for benefit and so did not feature in the unemployment

The Restart programme can be expected to eat into the number of discouraged workers, shifting a proportion of them off the unemployment

This raises the third factor, changes in the figures them-selves. The Unemployment Unit has chronicled the 19 changes in the official rules affecting the statistics since the Government took office. The unit estimates that the changes have reduced the unemployment count hy about 500,000.

Within the past month, three more changes have been announced. The tighter availability for work interviews could reduce the unemployment count by 95,000 nver 12 months and by 220,000 in two years, the unit estimates.

The abolition of the right to reduced-rate benefits for those with insufficient National Insurance contributions will cut the intal by 24,000 in a year and 30,000 over two years. And the extension of the period for which refusal to work means disqualification from benefit from six to 13 weeks could mean 2,000 a month off the count.

August was the month when the jobless total began to fall, and Restart must have played its part, although officials are It may be that unemploy unable to give any indication ment really is coming down as the economy improves; that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Unfortunately, not enough reople believe the figures. The scheme, like the new, tougher interviews for un-employment claimants which began at the end of last mouth

David Smith

Economics Correspondent

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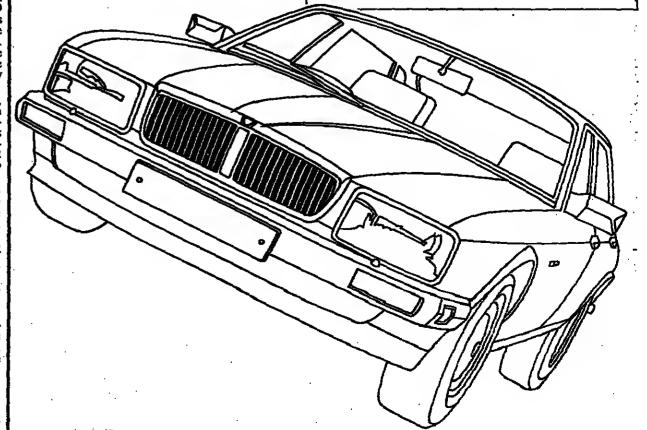
BTR companies have played their part in the development of the impressive new laguar.

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GOLD

Readicut profits doubled

By Cliff Feltham Readicut International, the specialist textile group headed by Professor Roland Smith, has chalked up its best halftime performance since 1978. Pretax profits for the six months to September have risen from £1.7 million to just

over £3 million. A big boost has come from supplying carpets to high street stores undergoing reno-

Mr Alan Dodman, managing director, said yesterday:
"Renovation in the high street
has created a lot of extra business for us. All big stores are improving their facilities and this has pushed up our sales considerably."

Latest figures show group turnover up from £57 million to £63.6 million.

The group says improve-ment is due to its carpets, yarns and fibres, and industrial products activities. Firth Carpete, in particular, achieved what Readicut describes as an impressive profit level, maintaining its position as one of the most successful carpet companies in the United Kingdom.

The board says trading is high at most of its companies. Mr Dodman says that, in addition to expanding its is keen to hit the acquisition

"Ideally, we are looking at companies in the textile sector and preferably those based in the Yorkshire area where we

Analysts are looking for full-year pretax profits this year of about £7 million compared with £5.64 million last year. The interim dividend is up from 0.165p a share to 0.25p.

Eagle Star in £8m sale

to Frogmore Frogmore Estates, the prop-erty company, has bought £9.8 million of properties including two fully-let office blocks pur-chased from Eagle Star Prop-erties for £8 million.

Both buildings, one in cen-tral London and the other in Middlesex, will be kept in Frogmore's investment port-folio producing £799,650 per annum next year.

The company is also improving the quality of its portfolio by buying the free-hold of its 16-acre estate in Essex for £1.2 million from

Whitehall Securities.
It recently paid £18 million for an investment portfolio of which £5.4 million of prop-erties will be retained with the rest being sold.

Record profit at Royal Insurance surprises City

million for the three months

to September. This took the

total for nine months to

£193.1 million compared with

caused the surprise. The com-

profit there of \$8.7 million

The combined underwriting profit of the US and Britain

Royal writes more commer-

cial business in the US than other British insurers and has

benefited from the hefty rate

rises imposed in July 1984. Rate rises are tailing off — commercial multi-peril rates

were up by 39 per cent in the

third quarter compared with

50 per cent in the second and

nine months.

Royal Insurance, Britain's 58 per cent in the first - but largest insurer, beat City there are only limited signs of expectations by a spectacular capacity returning in the bread margin when it produced its highest quarterly profits. It made pretax profits of £105.7

Royal's operating ratio in the US—claims and expenses to premiums—fell below its competitors to 98 per cent. In Britain, Royal made a marginal third-quarter underwriting profit on its motor

£16.6 million for the previous business Royal believes the under-Third quarter profits from Commercial Union and Genlying trend of its American business is more encouraging eral Accident this week disthan its results show. About 36 appointed the marker, but per cent of its exposure is in Royal's results in America workers' compensation and

personal lines. pany made an underwriting Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, has raised its estimate for full-year profits (£5.9 million), its first since by £45 million to £280 million, against £41.4 million in 1985. In 1987 Wood Mackengave a worldwide underwrit-ing profit of £2.2 million, the first quarterly underwriting profit since 1979. zie estimates profits of £425

million.
Royal expects to produce dividend growth of 15 per cent a year for the next five years.

The shares bounced 29p higher to 828p.
If Royal, like its competitors, had used end-period instead of average exchange rates, its nine-mouth profits would have been £4 million higher at £197.2 million.

Iran to back Saudi line on raising oil prices

By David Young Energy Correspondent

most consistent in its demands for a fixed price system, said yesterday that it would support Saudi Arabian moves to send oil prices back upwards by the end of this

The country's oil minister. Gholamreza Aqazadeh, said that prices should be at \$18 a barrel by the end of the year and then move back up to \$28

in 18 months. Iran has been a bitter opponent of previous Saudi tactics which defended market share but sent prices down and hit revenues. The two countries have had strained relations for

Iran, the Opec member support for the regime in Iraq.
nost consistent in its de- However, at this weekend's Opec committee meeting in Ecuador, it will support the new Saudi oil minister, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, in his efforts to arrive at a fixed price formula which Opec can adopt at its meeting in Geneva on December 11.

The Iranian oil minister said, as he left Tehran for Ecuador, that all 13 Opec members should undertake not to sell oil at less than \$18 a barrel nuder any circumstances.

He also revealed that Iran has had negotiations with Russia about the possibility of several years because of Sandi selling Iranian natural gas-

Wiggins may buy mill Wiggins Teape, the papermaking subsidiary of BAT Industries, is negotiating to buy a Spanish encalyptus wood pulp mill in a deal that could have significant imcould have significant im-

could have significant implications for the future of the European industry. TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Celulosas de Arturias (CEASA), produces about 130,000 tonnes of eucalyptus pulp a year, and Wiggins clearly has plans for expansion if the deal goes through. The "acquisition" price is thought to be about £40 million.

takeover strengthen Wiggins Teape's presence in the Iberian peninsula after its purchase of a 42 per cent stake in Soporcel, the Portuguese eucalyptus pulp

Land Securities

INTERIM RESULTS

Extracts from the consolidated revenue account for the half year ended Year to 31.3.86 (audited) (unaudited) (unaudited) £'n £'n £'n Rental income 152.6 74.1 85.2 171.5 **Total income** 97.6 81.8 134.0 Net rents and interest receivable 77.9 63.5 21.1 Interest payable 19.8 9.3 112.9 Income before taxation 54.2

The large development programme currently being undertaken will not be income-producing for some time. The income before taxation is after charging all interest, including that on capital expenditure, and for the second half of the year to March 1987 is not expected to differ materially from that of the first half to September 1986.

An interim dividend has been declared of 3.25p per share (1985: 2.9p) which with the related tax credit is equivalent to 4.577p (1985: 4.143p).

- A £45m freehold, 200,000 sq.ft. shop development scheme in Darlington is to be undertaken in association with Pengap Securities Ltd.
- The Longmarket site in Canterbury has been acquired for development in about three years' time.
- The 250,000 sq.ft. covered and air conditioned Ards Shopping Centre in Northern Ireland has been purchased as a freehold investment. The retail warehouse portfolio now totals some 2.9m sq.ft. of space of which
- 1.9m sq.ft. is completed and income producing.
- The freehold of Britannic House North, EC2 has been acquired. This, together with Burmah House, Chiswell Street, forms an island site for which a planning application has been submitted.
- Planning permission has been granted for Moorgate Hall, EC2 and Grand Buildings, WC2 and applications have been submitted for three further City and West End schemes.
- The gross building area of these City and West End developments totals nearly 1m sq.ft. A leaflet setting out the Interim Results and comments in more detail will be despatched shortly to the

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

Federative Republic of Brazil

81/4% External Bonds Due December 1, 1987

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, on behalf of the Federative Republic of Brazil, that on December 1, 1986, \$1,320,000 principal amount of its 8½% External Bonds will be redeemed out of moneys to be paid by it to Dillon, Read & Co. Inc., as Principal Paying Agent, pursuant to the mandatory, annual redemption requirement of said Bonds and to the related Authenticating Agency Agreement and Paying Agency Agreement, each dated as of December 1, 1972. Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, as Authenticating Agent, has selected, by lot, for such redemption the Bonds bearing the following serial numbers:

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Bonds so selected for redemption (or in the case of a partial redemption the portion to be redeemed) will become and be due and payable in United States dollars on December 1, 1936, at the office of Dillon, Read & Co. Inc., 19 Rector Street. New York. New York 10006, at one hundred per cent (100%) of the principal amount thereof with interest accrued thereon to the redemption date. Coupon Bonds should be presented for redemption together with all appurtenant coupons maturing subsequent to the redemption date. If moneys for the redemption of all the Bonds to be redeemed for in the case of a partial redemption the portion to be redeemed) are available at the office of Dillon, Read & Co. Inc. on the redemption date, interest thereon will cease to accrue from and after such date. In the case of a partial redemption of any registered Debenture, upon presentation of such Debenture on or after the redemption date, the registered holder will receive the applicable redemption price in respect of the orincipal amount thereof called for redemption, and a new Debenture for the principal amount remaining unredeemed will be delivered

thereof without charge.

At the option of the respective holders of the Bonds selected for redemption, the principal amount thereof and interest thereon may be collected upon presentation at the offices of the Co-Paying Agent, Banco Do Brasil, S.A. in New York, London, Paris, Hamburg and Tokyo.

DILLON, READ & CO. INC.

Principal Paying Agent

Dated: November 3, 1986

By Judith Huntley Commercial

The Government's plan to reform the commercial rating system and reassess ratable values by 1990 could lead to a 5 per cent drop in operating profits for a typical chain of high street fashion stores. according to a report from Debenham Tewson & Chin-nocks, the chartered surveyor.

The Government intends to revalue commercial property and to introduce a uniform rate in the pound for businesses. The impact of these measures would be to boost such a retailer's rates bill from £700,000 a year to £1 million shaving 5 per cent off operat-ing profit net of tax.

The last revaluation of commercial property was carried ont more than a decade ago. The boom in consumer spending has led an expansion in retail business and a strong demand for property. This in turn has resulted in rising retail rents which will be reflected in dramatic increases io rateable value, Debenham Tewson says.

The firm says its model portfolio of shops, based on a medium-sized fashioo chain, shows companies with a broad network of high street stores at flourishing market towns and in central London will not emerge unscathed from the

New-style | Minister urges offshore rates will companies to battle for contracts abroad

reserves interesting deep

water potential, no real capability of its own and the impeding loss of US export

For technology specific to the North Sea, Canada holds major opportunities. Mobil's Hibernia development plan

was approved a few months

ago and there is a strong political will to bring the fiscal

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ket research mission in Brazil which has seen major deep water discoveries. The Brazilians will be careful what they

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The minister also said that

strong trading links between Britain and China should be built on and that the agree-

ment on technical co-opera-

tion signed between the

United Kingdom and Russia

could lead to opportunities in

the 1990s when the Russian

offshore industry starts

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Currently we have a mar-

Britain's offshore construction industry, which has been hit by a fall in orders as the low world oil price slowed the pace of development in the North Sea, was told yesterday to step up efforts to win orders in overseas markets.

Although Shell yesterday announced orders worth
£4.5 million for its Tern and
Eider oilfields, the industry in
Scotland has been badly hit
and has announced several
hundred levelif in the several hundred layoffs in the past six

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, the Minister of State for Energy told an audience of offshore company executives yesterday: "The present downturn in our domestic market is both a challenge and an opportunity. British suppli-ers of offshore equipment and services must not make it an excuse for neglecting the possibilities offered by over-seas markets. New initiatives and effort are needed.

The minister said that if the industry is to outlive North Sea oil it must become an exporting force, providing proven technology, equip-ment and services for overseas oilfields.

He said: "The best immediate opportunity for the UK industry is Angola where our presence to date has been

minimal. Angola has low cost operating in the next five-year economic programme.

The minister was speaking at the launch of a new catalogue of company capabilities by the British Indigenous Technology Group (Brit) which was formed to increase Britain's share of the ownership of companies and in the technology of the industry.

Dr Dickson Mabon, Brit's chairman and a former energy Secretary, said yesterday: "Currently, British indigenous companies get just 3 per cent of the global offshore market. There is general agreement that Britaio is now entering a critical stage and we in Brit are determined to build on

The order placed by Shell yesterday is for steel piles which will be sunk into the seabed to support the Tern and Eider production plat-forms 93 miles north east of

The £2.5 million order for the Tern piling has gone to the McDermott yard at Ardeseir, near Inverness and will pro-vide 60 new jobs. The Eider contract, which is worth £2 million and will provide 50 new jobs has gone to Lewis Offshore on the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides.

COMPANY NEWS

• WESTPAC: Final dividend 14c (same), making 28c (27). Gross income for year to September 30, \$7.68 billion (\$6.21 billion).

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NATIONAL AUSTRALIA
BANK: Final dividend 14.5c
(14), making 29c (27.5). Gross
income for year to September
30, \$5.36 billion (\$1.04 billion). 30, \$5.36 billion (\$1.04 billion).

• HANOVER DRUCE: Interim dividend 1.2p (1.1). Figures in £000 for half year to August 31. Turnover 5,775 (3,820), pretax profit 768 (401), tax 276 (164), attributable 492 (237), earnings per share 9.5p (4.7p). The board believes it would be in the long-term interests of the company to increase the aumber of institutional investors, and arrangements have been made to place 3,250,000 convertible preference shares at the £1 par value. erence shares at the £1 par value. HAMPTON TRUST: Interim 0.5p (0.35), payable January 8. Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Profit before tax and minority interest. before tax and minority interest 637 (219), tax 212 (92), minority interest 22 (28), earnings per share 0.63p (0.27). Contracts have been exchanged for the purchase of a modern freehold office building at 175, Preston Road, Brighton, let for 25 years from 1975 on full repairing and insuring terms at an annual rent of £141,000, subject to review in July, 1990.

 CRYSTALATE HOLD-INGS: The acquisition of a products division of TRW, with the exception of its Barbadian assets, has been completed. Exchange control consent is expected checkly. expected shortly.

• FROGMORE ESTATES:

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The company has purchased two fully let freehold office buildings, totalling 77,000 sq ft at Aldwych, London, and Hayes, Middlesez, from Eagle Star Properties for a total consideration of about £8.0 million. It has agreed to purchase a small development site in central Brighton from British Telecom for £600,000, and it has acquired the freehold of its 16 acres development at west acres development at west Thurrock, Essex, from White-hall Securities, for £1.2 million. hall Securities, for £1.2 millinn.

MJ GLEESON CONTRACTORS: Final dividend 4.26p (3.87p), making 5.91p (5.37), payable January 28. Figures in £000 for year to June 30. Turnover 77,000 (61,000), pretax profit 5,659 (5.029), tax 2,152 (2.067), earnings per share 35.07p (29.62p). The company says it seems likely that the higher level of turnover achieved will be maintained with an increasing contribution from the group's residential estate developments.

HIGH-POINT SERVICES

• HIGH-POINT SERVICES ● HIGH-POINT SERVICES GROUP: No final dividend (2.5p), making 1.75p(4). Results for year to May 31. Turnover (company and subsidiaries) 7,902,870 (5,360,761), pretax profit 471,716 (908,705), tax 136,359 (271,941), prufit attributable 335,357 (636,764), earnings per share 8.08p (16.17). The board says it is confident that the group is well positioned that the group is well positioned to take advantage of greater opportunities within its market.

TEMPUS

Market needs time to appreciate Storehouse

As a concept, the grouping of Habitat. Mothercare and BHS into the hig non-food retailing combine Storehouse has a lot of appeal. The potential strategic benefits could be enormous. It can achieve economies of scale by achieve economies of scale by streamlining warehouse facilities, and centralizing its computer facilities. It has enormous bargaining power in ohtaining sites in new shopping centres, and tre-

mendous huying strength.
Not everyone is convinced. however, and despite the fact that the first six months' profits were much in line with expectations, they failed to please the market. Pretax profit rose by 20 per cent to £37 million on turnover up by 8 per cent to £433 million, excluding discontinued op-erations. In response, the shares were marked down

10p to 315p.
Part of the trouble is that it is not easy to see immediately the benefits of the merger to the bottom line. Profits from BHS rose a healthy 22 per cent to £18.5 million, but results from both Habitat and Mothercare were sluggish. Mothercare was flat at £13.5 million, while Habitat profits declined 10 per cent to £3.5 million. This was hlamed on the recent move into a new central warehouse with capacity to service planned out-oftown stores, but where only 50 per cent of the space is

being used now. Before the merger, BHS shares stood oo an average multiple for the non-food retailing sector (now about 15.5). Both Habitat and Mothercare have traditionally commanded premium ratings of nearer 20. With all the prospective beoefits of the merger, Storehouse should also be standing at a premium instead of languishing around 15.

All the ingredients for a successful business seem to be there, but for the short term, the market's verdict appears to be that it is a case of "not proven", that status peculiar to Scots law where the defendent is oeither innocent nor guilty. Despite its familiarity with the chairman, Sir Terence Conran, the market will need more time before rerating Storehouse. It is, after all, a new group with only a six-mouth history.

Obsessed as it is with shortterm performance, the market cannot see beyond the end of its cose. Investors who take a longer-term view should not be of faint heart but start accumulating shares

Land Securities

Land Securities, the United Kingdom's largest property company with a portfolio worth £2.5 hillion, disappointed the market yes-terday when it revealed interim pretax profits of £58.1 million, an increase of only 7.2 per cent on the same

perind last year.
With the property sector beset with bid fever, even the mighty Land Securities is oot immune from such rumours. The company has stirred its stumps remarkably by acquiring a 2.9 million sq ft retail warehouse portfolio

where rents are rising and yields falling. About 1.9 million sq ft of that is already income producing.
It remains bullish about City of London offices. Plans are afoot for 1 million sq ft of new offices in the City and West End which will boost profits in the next three to five years. The company is moving in

the right direction but it is paying in heavy interest costs oo the substantial development programme and suffering a loss of income until developments come on stream. Borrowings at the half year to September 30 stood at £19.8 million compared with £9.3 million.

Geariog is modest despite the £300 million raised at favourable interest rates, standing at £530 million against assets of £2.5 billion and there is scope to increase borrowings which will be needed to sustain the development programme. But the company says it has enough in the kitty.

The interim dividend has been iocreased by 12 per cent to 3.25p per share.

Wellcome

Giveo Wellcome's philanthropic reputatioo, it is an appropriate twist of fate that the prodocts most focused on at present are drugs which treat the social diseases herpes simplex and Aids (Ac-

Syndrome).
Sales of Zovirax, which treats herpes simplex, ex-ceeded expectations and rose 70 per cent while growth in

the US market was an impressive 50 per cent. Turnover as a percentage of the group total increased from 7 per cent to 12 per cent and has not lost momentum. Approval to treat shingles is imminent in Britain where there are an estimated million sufferers.

Between £15 and £20 million additional capital expenditure has been earmarked to develop Azidothymidine (AZT), a paliative drug which is said to alleviate but not cure Aids. Clinical trials are under way.

The development of this drug is still io its early stages and its full applications are as yet unquantified. Current estimates suggest that AZT could generate sales of £70

million by 1990.

A US space-oriented advertising campaign for the OTC product, Actifed, had to be abandoned after the Shuttle disaster last year. Never theless, sales moved ahead The market was also affected by tampering incidents, but US margins held up well despite intense competition.

The muscle relaxant, Tractium, is growing at over 15 per cent a year and Neosporin, used for skin infections, is also doing well. Other potentially successful products include Nix, mitially for the treatment of head lice hut being considered for use against scahies, and Piritrexim, an anti-can-

cer drug. A depressed agricultural market made life difficult for Coopers, the 50 per cent owned animal health busioess which lost £9.7 millioo pretax. Although benefitting from rationalization, it will

remain in loss this year.

Wellcome should make £160 millioo in the current year. A slightly lower tax rate gives earnings per share of 9.5p. The rating is still excessive in the short term but the impressive range of products makes Wellcome an interesting investment for those prepared to take a looger term view. However, Aids-related news may provide tradiog opportunities.

APPOINTMENTS

Michael Peters Financial Communications: Miss Jill Satin becomes marketing

Clarksoo Puckle Midlands: Mr Nigel Morris is made managing director.

SAS International Hotels: Mr Michael Duffy takes over as director of business development.

City Link Transport: Mr David Kennard and Mr Bob Beattie are appointed associate directors of City Link Transport Holdings, Mr Peter Phillips becomes managing director of City Link-London. Knight Wendling: Mr T Eric Platt is made vice-presi-dent. Mr Martin Christopher becomes non-executive direc-

Epson (UK): Mr Barrie Etherington joins as director of sales and marketing. Royal Bank of Scotland: Mr

Jim Rafferty joins the board of the Royal Bank Group Coverdale Organisation: Mr Robert Lintott is elected

chief executive. Citicorp Corporate Ad-Caste becomes chairman and December 1.

BT&D: Mr Paul O'Dounell



Mr Barrie Etherington

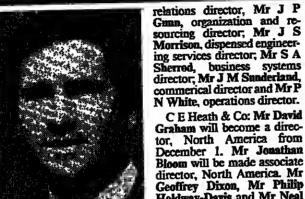
takes over as marketing director of BT&D Technologies. British Telecommunications: Dr Alan Rudge becomes director of research and

technology.

Alpha Micro: Mr Thomas Anthony is elected senior president of sales and market-EMI Records (UK): Mr David Munns is made director

of A&R and Mr Andrew Pryor

will become director of popu-



Mr Jim Rafferty

as vice-president of public affairs and communications.

Bunge & Co. Mr R Pendered is appointed chair-man and Mr D Airey takes over as managing director.
George Wimpey: Mr Cliff
Gill and Mr David Holland

are made joint managing directors of Wimpey Homes Holdings. Mr P Whitehouse becomes president of George

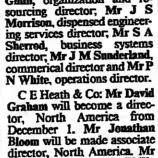
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Coca-Cola Schweppes Beverages. Mr D R Williams

Mallmann is appointed a director of the international debt issues division. December 1.

American Express Europe:
Mrs Jennifer Fryer takes over

Mr G R Dake, employee finance director.



Holdway-Davis and Mr Neal Thomas will become assistant directors, North America.

Carltoo Communications:

Mr Bob Phillis is made group

managing director. Micrelec: Mr Simon Gum joins the board as finance Ernst & Whinney: Mr Ivan Carrathers becomes a partner.

Technical Component industries: Mr Denis Robson and Mr Michael Wells are made partners. Hambros Bank Dr A W

Royal Insurance Estimated Nine Months Results for 1986

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General Premiums	489.5	356.7	479.1
Long-term Premiums	400.0		
General Insurance:			
Underwriting Balance	-107.3	-278.8	-347.1
Allocated Investment	20102		
Income	203.5	200.6	266.7
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Result	96.2	-78.2	-80.4
Long-term Insurance Pro	fit 20.9	18.1	25.3
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attributable to Capital	***	69.7	87.8
and Reserves	64.2	09.7	67.0
Share of Associated	11.8	7.0	8.7
Companies' Profits	11.5		
Profit before Taxation	193.1	16.6	41.4
Taxation	32.2	4.1	12.3
Minority Interests	1.5	0.2	0.2
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Net Profit	159.4	123	28.9
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Earnings per share	67.5	5. 2 p	12.2p
Capital and Reserves	£2,278m	£1,714m	£1,905m

- * There was a pre-tax profit of £193.1m compared with a pre-tax profit of £16.6m in the same period last year thus producing a £176.5m improvement. The third quarter pre-tax profit was £105.7m.
- * The recovery was most marked in the United States with a pre-tax improvement of £116.3m. In the UK it was £35.1m and in Canada £27.7m.
- * Worldwide general insurance profit of £96.2m (1985: £78.2m loss).
- * The contribution to total earnings from Royal Life Holdings rose from £18.9m to

The full statement for the first nine months of 1986 (of which this is an extract) will be mailed to all shareholders, and is also available from Corporate Relations, Royal Insurance plc (01-283 4300).



LWT (Holdings) plc (Parent Company of London Weekend Television Limited and Page & Moy (Holdings) Limited)



CHAIRMAN: CHRISTOPHER BLAND Results for the year ended 27 July 1986: Highlights from the Chairman's Statement

- * Pre-tax profits up by 26% to a new record of £12.8 million
- * Recommended increase in total dividend
- * Assets per share increased by 17%
- * Excellent start to the 1986/87 financial

	1986	1985
	£000	£000
Turnover	157,802	159,458
Group profit before exchequer levy	18,769	10,358
Exchequer levy	5,977	201
Group profit before exceptional item	12,792	10,157
Exceptional item	908	(1,881)
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	6,087	4,156
Group profit attributable to members of the company	7,141	3,793
Earnings per share	42.93p	23.01p
Dividends per share (net)	18.15p	14.40 p
Assets per share	280.21p	239.50p
Copies of the 1986 Annual Report and Accounts are available for LWT (Holdings) plc, South Bank Television Centre,	rom the Compa London SE1 91	my Secretary. IL

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Power to order solicitor to pay costs must be exercised with great care

Orchard v South Eastern judgment was obiter. Neither be given the benefit of any Lord Justice Ackner not Lord doubt. Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Croom-

[Judgment November 13] The jurisdiction to order a sh solicitor to pay costs under Order 62, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court was to be exercised with great care and discretion, and only in clear cases. It should not rest solely on inference without evidence.

It was not for solicitors or counsel to unpose a screen through which a litigant had to pass before he could put his complaint or defence before the

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The Court of Appeal dis-missed an appeal by the South Eastern Electricity Board against the refusal of Mr Justice Steyn to order that the board's costs in an unsuccessful action Joseph William Alexander Or-chard, should be paid by the plaintiff's solicitors, Roderick O'Driscoll & Partners, Maidstone, under the provisions of Order 62, rule 8.

Mr Dermod O'Brien, QC and Mr Andrew Collender for the board; Mr Jonathan Playford, QC and Mr Roger Eastman (neither of whom appeared below) for the plaintiff and his

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the plaintiff, assisted by solicitors and counsel under the Legal Aid Act 1974, had brought proceedings against the board claiming damagainst the obside canting data-ages for negligence and breach of stantory duty. After a 12-day hearing Mr Justice Steyn had dismissed the claim with costs, but had stayed execution of that part of the order relating to part of the order relating to

The board had from the ontset contended that the plaintiff's claim was without foundation. In default of being able to look to the legal aid fund for reimbursement of their costs, they had applied for an order under Order 62, rule 8 that the plaintiff's solicitors be required to pay their costs of defending themselves.

Order 62, rule 8(1) merely confirmed the ancient jurisdic-tion of the court to exercise control over its own officers, who included all who were admitted to the roll of solicitors. In making the application below Mr O'Brien had comprehensively condemned not only the plaintiff's leading and junior counsel, but "anybody else who has been involved in the handling of the plaintiff's case". He claimed to make no distinction between them and submitted that it would be invidious for the court to do so. He had asked that the solicitor be asked to pay the costs, the court recognizing that the solic-itor might have claims, which he might see fit to exercise, against counsel, one of the witnesses or

It was not clear what rights a solicitor would have against a witness in respect of evidence given in court, and the assertion of such a right, other than rhetorically, would raise an ssue of considerable public importance.

On the question of rights against counsel the court had been referred to the judgment of Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in Kelly v London Transport Executive [1982] 1 WLR 1055, 1064-1065) where he had said that a solicitor was under a duty not only to his own client who was legally aided but also to the unassisted party who was

Justice O'Connor had adverted to the topic in terms, and the opening words of Lord Justice Ackner's judgment ("I agree") conveyed no more than his agreement that the appeal

rould be dismissed. Lord Denning's judgment provided a useful summary of the duties of a solicitor acting for a legally aided client. Whether that duty was owed to the opposing party was open to considerable doubt, at least where the solicitor was acting with the authority of his client and was not carrying on the

litigation on his own account.
While there was no doubt that members of the Bar owed a doty to the court as well as to their lay client, there was no basis for contending that they owed any independent duty to their lay

client's opponent.
Furthermore, the courts had never asserted any jurisdiction over members of the Bar, apart from their general jurisdiction to control the conduct of all who appeared before them, apart from their appellate jurisdiction as Visitors to the four lines of Court, and it would seriously undermine the independence of

undermine the independence of the Bar if they were to do so.

Equally there was no basis for holding that the essential public interest immunity affirmed in Rondel v Worsley (11969] 1 AC 1) protected the Bar only in relation to their own lay clients, leaving them unprotected in respect of the far greater risk of claims by disgruntled litigants on the other side.

The only order made by the court in Kelly's case was that the solicitor concerned should attend before the court for consideration of whether he should pay the defendant's costs. The liability of the solicitor and the correctness of Lord Denning's opinion never received further opinioo never received further

In Edwards v Edwards ([1958] P 235) Mr Justice Sachs had said that the mere fact that litigation failed was no reason for invoking the jurisdiction, nor was an error of judgment, nor even the fact that an error was of an order which was equivalent to negligence. There had to be some-thing which amounted to a serious dereliction of duty.

The decision of the Court of Appeal in Davy-Chiesman v Davy-Chiesman ([1984] Fam 48) was to the like effect. The jurisdiction could only be invoked in the case of serious misconduct and the initiation of an action when it had no or substantially no chance of suc-cess might constitute such mis-

It was a jurisdiction which fell to be exercised with care and discretion and only in clear cases. In the context of a complaint that litigation was initiated or communed in circumstances in which to do so constituted serious misconduct, it was not to be forgotten that it was not for solicitors or counse to impose a pre-trial screen through which a litigant had to pass before he could put his complaint or defence before the

On the other hand, no solic-itor or counsel should lend his assistance to a litigant if he was eatistied that the initiation or further prosecution of a claim was mala fide or for an ulterior purpose, or if the proceedings would be an abuse of the process of the court or unjustifiably oppressive.

Justice required that the solic-itor should have full opportu-nity of rebutting the complaint, but circumstances could arise in not legally aided.

The circumstances in which those remarks came to be made was unusual. That part of the

The plaintiff's complaints had been weird in the extreme. Substantial quantities of water had been found oo a number of occasions in different parts of his cottage. The phenomenon had cootinued and spread to such bizarre happenings as the uncovenanted and unexplained movement of physical objects within the rooms and damage to the ceilings and pipework to an extent that the planniff and his family had left for rented accommodation.

The plaintiff had consuited solicitors who took expert advice. That led to the theory that the cause might lie in defects in the board's system of earthing or some discontinuity in the neutral electricity line serving the

Those solicitors had applied Those solicitors had applied for and been granted an un-conditional legal aid certificate. Immediately thereafter the plaintiff had changed his solicitors. It was in relation to the firm which took over the conduct of the proceedings that the application was made.
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The plaiotiff's case at trial was that all the water phenomena were caused by an escape of electricity through the earth at the cottage, thereby heating water in the soil to the point at which it became steam or causing the water to change into hydrogen and oxygen gases, the latter being responsible for some of the "dynamic" phenomena, that is, the movement of physical water to change into the steam of the "dynamic" phenomena, that is, the movement of phys-

ical objects.

lo fact, on counsel's advice, reliance on the dynamic phecomena was abandoned some time before trial.

It was a quite astonishing situation in which the truth, as determined by the judge, that it was probably all the work of the son, but that the plaintiff and his wife must have realized from an early stage what was going on, was even stranger than the fiction propagated by the plain-

His Lordship accepted that the plaintiff's solicitors had a duty not to further a claim which could be characterized as an abuse of process of the court. It was contended that no com-petent counsel, solicitor or ex-

pert could possibly have supported the plaintiff's claim. In the end what mattered was what the judge had thought. He thad unrivalled opportunities for hearing the plaintiff's case put and knowing what it was like before it was destroyed by crossexamination and the deploy-ment of the board's evidence. None of the board's sub-missions caused the slightest

doubt about the unassalability of the judge's conclusions. While there was no objection to an application under Order

62, rule 8 at the conclusion of a hearing, given appropriate facts, it was another matter where such an application was threat-ened during or prior to the bearing. Objectivity requirement of professional advisers. Threats to apply on the basis that the proceedings were bound to fail not only made the

solicitor something in the nature of a co-defendant, but they might well rightly make him all the more determined not to abandon his client, thereby losing a measure of objectivity.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON,
concurring, said that the charge
against a solicitor which would

have to be made out before the court could impose personal liability for the costs of an action on him was serious. Such a charge ought not to rest solely on inference without evidence. Lord Justice Croom-Johnson agreed

Solicitors: L. Watmore & Co; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert

Obtaining evidence for use in foreign proceedings

the Home Department, Exparte Spermacet Whaling and Shipping Co SA Regina v Secretary of State for

the Home Department, Ex parte Panova Investment

[Judgment November 7] Where a request was received

from a foreign government for an order to obtain evidence for use io foreign criminal proceed-ings, the Home Secretary was entitled to use either the procedure provided by the Extra-dition Act 1873 or that provided by the Evidence (Proceedings in Other Jurisdictions) Act 1975. Accordingly he was entitled to

select the procedure under the 1873 Act even where the request raised, or was capable of raising, difficult questions of law or the application of law to fact. Further he was not under an obligation to consider those questions himself in determining which procedure to select. The Queen's Bench Di-

visional Court therefore dismissed applications hy Spermacet Whaling and Ship-ping Co SA and Panova Investment Trust SA for judicial review by way of certiorari to quash two orders made in identical terms by the Home Secretary on March 3, 1986 under section 5 of the 1873 Act requiring the Guildhall Justices to take and transfer to him

certain evidence Mr J. M. Chadwick, QC and Mr Jonathan Harvie for the applicants; Mr Robert Alun Jones for the Home Secretary.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDE-WELL said that Mr Jorgen Jahre and Mr Bjorn Betturn were Norwegian citizens and each was charged with the violation of a Norwegian tax Act, the allegation in each case

Regina v Secretary of State for of a company registered in which was a matter of public the Home Department, Ex Liberia, which in turn owned policy.

Third, because the questions other companies.
Lazard Brothers were bankers

to those companies. In early 1985 a letter of request was received from the Norwegian authorities, which was transmitted via the Foreign Office to the Trust SA
Before Lord Justice Glidewell
Home Secretary.
When a prosecuting authority

in a foreign country wished to have the assistance of the Eng-lish courts to obtain in England evidence, oral or documentary, for use in a criminal trial abroad, the request could be granted in one of two ways.

The way chosen in the present case was that the Home Secretary made an order under section 5 of the 1873 Act to the Guildhall Justices requiring them to take and transmit to him such evidence as they could obtain from witnesses in furtherance of the request.

The court issued a witness summons to Lazards to give evidence. The evidence was to be taken as if they were old style committal proceedings in Eng-land. Alternatively, under the 1975 Act the matter could have been sent to a master or judge of the High Court.

Under either procedure, the objectioo could be taken that the evidence sought to be elicited was inadmissible or privileged from production, and therefore should not be disclosed if a

document, or obtained if oral. Mr Chadwick submitted that the evidence and documents sought to be elicited from Lazards were the subject of privilege or were otherwise in-admissible for three resons:

First, because the obtaining and transmission of such evidence would contravene the long-established principle that the English courts would not assist, directly or indirectly, in the tax-collecting functions of a foreign government.

being that each had failed to include in his tax return for 1978 breached the principles of substantial sums of money arissubstantial sums of money aris-ing out of the trading activities and customer, the protection of

contravention of those principles because he had oo obliga-

was no such duty on the Home Secretary to see if the giving of evidence cootravened those principles. Section 5 of the 1873 Act

provided that the Home Sec-retary "may require a mag-istrate to take evideoce. Therefore he had a discretion. Mr Chadwick submitted that in exercising that discretion the

law and application of fact to law would be raised, the procedure under the 1975 Act was clearly the appropriate one.

route was perverse.

His Lordship agreed that where complex issues of law

therefore failed

was confident that it would, he should out have made the order. Mr Jones said that the Home Secretary never coosidered whether the evidence was in

Home Secretary had to consider the two alternative ways of meeting the foreign government's request. He said that where, as here, it seemed probable that difficult issues of

However, in order to succeed, the applicants had to show that the Home Secretary's choice of

were raised, there might be a case for preferring to proceed under the 1975 Act. But it could oot be said that the Home Secretary's decision was so wrong as to be irradonal.
The Home Secretary's route

Third, because the questions to be asked and the documents sought were part of a fishing expedition.

It was submitted that the Home Secretary should himself have considered whether the evidence would offend against any of those principles, and if he was confident that it would be

tion to do so.

Mr Jones was right and there

As coo the first proceed under the 1975 Act. But it could not be said that the Home Secretary's decision was so wrong as to be irradonal.

The Home Secretary's route had its advantages and the choice was well within his discretion and the challenge therefore failed.

Mr Justice Farquharson agreed.

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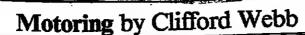
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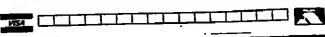
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A 50-page dossier of information has been sent to Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, representing six years of members' surveys to back up the forum's claims that business rates should

Robot adds

icing to its

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profits cake

By Amanda Gee Smyth

The cake for the BBC's Tomorrow's World 25th birthday was iced by a robot — Crantech Robotics' Polar robot. Its

oormal function is to apply adhesives to

components.

At £15,000, the Crantech robot claims to deal rapidly and efficiently with the most intricate component profiles.

year on sales of around £500,000.

Mr Moser said: "The chances are

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be based on the ability to pay. A study completed this year by 8,000 forum members shows that in England and Wales business rates account for 15 per cept of pre-tax profits on average. In

Scotland the figure is 24 per cent.
After examining the results of 30 public limited companies, the forum claims that business rates paid by small firms, as a percentage of pre-tax profits,

are from two to five times more than those paid by plc businesses. MrRidley is now considering responses to the government's Green Paper, which proosed a national aniform rate poun

linked to property valuation. Long-term changes to the rating system are not planned until 1990 so the forum also wants an immediate limit on the increase in rates in line with inflation.



Sticking to it: Paul Moser, left, and Tony Best with their Polar adhesives robot

entrepreneurs concentrated oo the highly-specialized niche market of adhehighly-specialized niche market of adhesives dispensing. Orders are oow coming in from companies such as Jaguar, Austin Rover, Morphy Richards, the Ministry of Defence and Loctite UK, the adhesives manufacturer which is adding it to its range of application equipment offered to users of its industrial products. Mr Moser added: "We are looking to Europe to expand and have had several ioquiries, especially from the French motor industry.

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and we hope to be included in the FAMOS (Flexible Automation Manufacture Systems) as part of the European Eureka programme

So far eight Polar robots have been delivered, orders taken for five more and

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Order of the Bath boot for the rally supercars

Bath is about to play host to another piece of history. When, at 9.0am on Sunday, the first of the Group B cars in the Lombard RAC Rally set off to cover the 350 miles of 45 special stages dispersed over the 1,500 miles of the race distance, it will be the last time that they will compete in an international rally in the United Kingdom.

Unlike the Roman chariots which frequented the streets of Bath nearly 2,000 years ago, the Group B cars have not been superseded by progress but banned by FISA, the world governing body of motor sport, because they have become too powerful.

Race within race for world title

While many of the 160 machines taking part are more directly related to many cars in daily use (although specially prepared for the rigours of the four-day event and suitably decorated to promote their sponsor involvement), they are out-and-out specials bearing only a passing resemblance to more mundane transport.

Reputations are at stake Peugeot, with their four-wheel drive turbo-charged cars, have already won the world manufacturers' championship and Juha Kankunnen in the Peugeot 205 T16 leads the drivers' championship.He is hotly pursued by Markku Alen in a four-wheel drive turbo-charged Lancia Delta

For Alen to have any chance of winning the championship he has to beat Kankunnen by the time they return to Bath on Wednesday evening.It is virtually a race within a race conducted over closed tarmac private roads or the rough tracks of forestry land.

Apart from the battle for the individual title there is the accolade of winning the rally. Unlike other world-ranking events the special stages are secret. There is no practising or compiling of pace notes to unexpected can and does

The Group B MG Metro 6R4 made its international one.

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debut in last year's rally, driven by Tooy Pond, and Lancia Deltas. This year 13 MG Metros are taking part. Although elickely Although slightly down on power compared with the Peugeot 205 T16 and Lancia Delta S4s, they are said to be more at home in the forest stages. Can a British driver in a British car succeed?

It is 10 years since a British driver won the rally, Roger Clark in a Ford Escort triumphing in 1976. This year there will be four factory-backed Groop B Ford RS 200s, one of them driven by Blomqvist, who won in

The permutations are end-less. For instance, who will win Group A, the category which will dominate the 1988 world scene? Kenneth Eriksson in the VW Golf GTi leads the drivers' championship in this division and will be hard to beat

Enter, now, a dark horse. The sole entrant in the fourwheel drive turbo Mazda hatchback will be Ingvar Carlsson. This car, the class winner in the Finnish 1,000 Lakes Rally, could herald a

The car that could herald a new era

Lone rangers, but not in the running for top honours, are Roy Bradford in a Honda Civic CRX; Russell Morgan in a Mercedes 190; Mike Buckler in an Alfa Romeo Sud TI; and Susanne Kottulinsky in a Volvo 240 turbo. Sponsored by the Swedish Air Force, she will have to fly to beat Louise Aitken-Walker, who is driving a Nissan 240RS. She finished sixteenth

Unusual in today's high-pressure field of sport, the RAC Rally is a conglomera-tion of full factory-sponsored entrants and hopeful but expert amateurs all doing battle over the same piece of ground. . Less than half will finish and one of the first 20 cars to leave Bath on Sunday. It will take

1,500 miles to decide which

The Pengeot 205 T16 which the Finn, Timo Salonen, hopes will take him to victory



Drivers who should steer

Pond: challenging again

Finland, 35, Lancia Delta S4 (No 3). Principal successes: 1978 World rally champion, 1983: winner of Tour of Cor-sics and San Remo Rally. 1986: winner of San Remo MARK LOVELL British, 26, Ford RS 200 (No 12). Principal successes: 1985: RAC National Raily England, 41, MG Metro 6R4 (No 4), Principal successes: Winner of the Manx Inter-national three times and the Scotist International, 1985: Champion, 1986: British Open Rally Champion, KENNETH ERIKSSON

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Aitken-Walker: consistent. Fifth drive for leading lady

Louise Aitkeo-Walker, Britian's leading woman rally driver, will make her fifth appearance in the Lombard RAC rally driving a Nissan 240RS.

Previously she has recorded class wins to the race, received the ladies' prize in 1982 and a 16th outright placing in group A in 1985 at the wheel of a Peugeot

Miss Aitken, partnered by Ellen Morgan, has consistently finished in the top 10 placings in Oven championship rounds this season, despite their oormally aspirated vehicle being unable to match the power or traction of the four-wheel drive specalist group B cars.

RAC Open Rally Champion. Vehicles with potential to take chequered flag

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Ford RS 200: 1803cc, 4 cylinders, 16 valves, 420 bhp. Drivers: Stig Blomqvist, Kalle Grundel, Mark Lovell, Stig Andervang. Peugeot 205 T16: 1775cc, 4 cylinders, 18 valves, 500 bhp. Drivers: Timo Salonen, Juha Kankkunen, Mikael Sundstrom.

Safe spots for crowds to watch

Major spectator stages

Raily controls

Last year in the Dyfant Forest the uncontrollable volume of speciators caused the RAC of-ficials to cancel a special stage (David Duffield writes). A month ago in the San Remo Rally the organizers cancelled a stage for the same reason. In Portugal earlier this year spec-tators were killed and injured when a rally car went off the

Despite the danger - or perhaps because of the excitement created by being close to the action — there has each year been a massive increase in the

number of speciators along the route of the RAC Raily. In the interests of safety, the

where there are good safe van-tage points and car parking facilities.

near the overnight balt at the Harrogate Show ground.

Aire to series are

the Forestry Commission stages on days two, three and four is best left to the experts.

ages. For armchair enthusiasts, check the BBC 2 coverage. A

RAC advise spectators to watch at specific "starred" stages

facilities.
On Sunday November 16, these are at Badminton near Bath (19.30), Chrencester Park (10.20), Sutton Park, Birmingham (12.20), Weston Park near Stafford (13.15), Trentham Gardens near Stoke (14.15), Chatsworth oear Worksop (15.50), Chamber Park near Mansfield (17.20), Harewood House, (19.00) and Rudding Park (19.30). Harewood House and Rudding Park are both are near the overnight halt at the

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Chasing across country to find

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Indiston near Edinburgh (Monday, November 17, at 19.30). Lowther Park, near Pearith (Tuesday November 18, at 11.00), Haigh Hail near Wigan (November 18, at 17.00) and Margram Park near Bridgend (Wednesday November 19, at 16.00) are the other specially arranged speciator

total of four hours has been scheduled starting with a pre-view tomorrow at 21,35.

starting with four successive birdies and five one under pars. But he wasted shots with one-under-pars at the 10th, 11th and 13th before birdies at the 16th and 17th restored a measure of

Baker-Finch, seeking his first victory of the year, and the New

Scalander, Greg Turner, winner of this year's Singapore and Scandinavian Opens, drew first blood with rounds of 66.

On a day of low scores, they were only one shot away from the course record, set in 1981 by Norman.

Three players - Magnus Persson, of Sweden, and the Australians Jamie Crow and

Rodger Davis - were grooped oo 67, with the West German, Bernhard Langer, another two

Norman finished the froot nine three under the card after

respectability.
"I got what I deserved."
Norman said later. "I don't Norman said later. "I don't know whether it was concentration or bad club selection.
"I played very well oo the front nine and could have shot anything — hut could have shot aoything bad oo the back nine. I could have easily shot 74."

Baker-Finch, who has re-

his Open defence Melbourne (Reuter) — The British Open champion, Greg Norman, made a less than impressive start to his Australian Open title defence yesterday with a volatile round of two-under-par 70, four strokes off the lead.

A fellow-Australian Iao Raker-Finch seeking his first need to knock yourself. There

Norman makes a

slow start to

yesterday.

"I've been stagnant the last year, I kept saying negative things to myself," he said. "But I'm starting to see there's no need to knock yourself. There need to knock yourself. I here are a lot of other people who will help you do that."

Playing off the 10th tee first, he quietly birdied the 14th and 16th but came alight with a birdie-eagle-birdie spell from the third to the fifth holes.

the third to the fifth holes.

Turner, the younger brother of the former New Zealand cricket captain, Gleno Turner, also had a flawless round with three birdies on the front nine and three on the back.

Both Turner and Langer warned that if the wind and hot weather continued the greens would become lightning fast. Langer said his long iron approach shots were going through the greens and it would be difficult for all the players if they cootinued to gather speed. cootinued to gather speed.

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Faldo and Love tied in windswept lead

Hawan (AP) - Nick Faldo, who has been British PGA champion three times, had a wiod-whipped four-under-par 68 to share the first-round lead

in the Isuzu Kapalua international golf tournament.

Davis Love III, a robkie, scored cagles on consecutive holes to the with Faldo, who oever went over par io wiods he estimated at \$50 to \$60 miles per stimated at "50 to 60 miles per hour". It was even tougher for

Both leaders played in the afternoon half of the field when cooditions — while still difficult were not so severe as the raio and gale-force woods which lasted the early starters.

"I've been here 11 years and I think these are the most difficult, most severe conditions I've seen," said Mark Rolfing, the tournament chairman, who also is one of the 44 pros chasing a \$150,000 (£105,600) first prize. He was among the early starters who played to winds that stripped names and oumbers from the leader boards,

knocked down a sponsor's hos-pitality tent and ripped branches rom trees on the Kapalua Bay "It blew pretty hard all day," length to maximum advantage. After starting his day's play

from the 10th tee, Love occoded only a seven iroo second shot to reach the green on the 557-yard 18th, and dropped a 25-foot

ranic putt.
Turning to the par-five first, he holed a 40-50 foot eagle putt after a three-wood second shot. He also took two putts for a birdie four oo the sixth and

Paul Azinger and Dan Pohl, a two-time winner this season, shared third at 70, two back of

the joint leaders.
Sandy Lyle, of Britain, who won here two years ago, had a 76 while the defending champion, Mark O'Meara, of the United States, had a 77.

The ooly others to break par

were Bobby Wadkins and Tom Purtzer at 71. Of those leaders, only Wadkins played to the more difficult morning coneran called "maybe the stronges I've seen.

Bob Tway, the PGA cham-pioo, rallied for a 74 after starting with three straight bo-geys. Ben Crenshaw and Lee Trevino each had a 76. Defeoding champion Mark O'Meara had a 77 that, he said, "wasn't that bad." All played in the severe morning winds.

The conditions, along with

the format that has the pros playing with four-man amateur teams, produced six-hour rounds. Two players — David Ishii, of Hawaii, and Anders Forsbrand of Swedeo - were stranded by darkness oo the

Each had ooe hole to play. They marked their positions oo the course and were scheduled light. Neither had a chance to

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Brother leads brother

a six-under-par 66 to lead by a stroke after the first round of a \$500,000 (about £350,000) lournament at the Taibeiyo Club course yesterday. His eldest brother, Masashi, shared secood place with two other Japanese, Yoshimi Niizeki and Yasuhiro Funatogawa. Ian Woosnam, of

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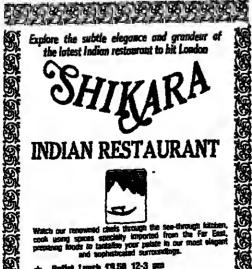
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Lack of a race may prove no obstacle to Gaye Brief

Brief is at his best after a long break came in last seasoo's Champioo Hurdle, where he from the last flight.

versatility and his liking for Ascot by outclassing Crimsoo Embers, the winner of the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham, in the

season and got the better of him ooly once - in gluepot conditions at Kempton on

Boxing Day. Sally Oliver's seven-year-Sally Oliver's seven-year-old gained a ootable scalp wheo beating See You Then at Peter Easterby has an Liverpool in April but that looked a clear case of the

A bigger danger may be the progressive four-year-old, Ibn use of his fitness from the Flat 11/2 lengths.

Gaye Brief, who runs his when beating Ten Plus and best races when fresh, can Mrs Muck at Newbury nine extend a remarkable record by days ago and should confirm winning the A. T. Cross Ascot the form with the third on

Hurdle at the Berkshire course only 2ib worse terms. Sheer Gold, from the inform stable of Toby Balding. has won his opening race for the last five seasons, including this race, under the guise of the Fairweather City Hurdle, in 1984 and 1985. 1984 and 1985.
Further evidence that Gaye
heavy going. Even if she is fit enough to do herself justice. I would expect Gaye Brief to have too much pace for her

beat everything except See
You Then despite being off
the course since Christmas.
He then demonstrated his

The Hurst Park Novices'
Chase looks the best race of its type so far this season but I am confident that Long Engagetype so far this season but I am confident that Long Engage-ment can atone for his costly lapse at Cheltenham last Saturday.
Backed from 6-4 to odds-on

to complete a quick treble, Keith Prowse Hurdle.

Aoooch will be fighting fit after winning at Stratford and Huntingdoo last mooth but he Duowoody three out. The fact that David Nicholson's fiveyear-old reappears so soon indicates that he was oooe the worse for that experience and he can resume winning ways

outstanding record at Ascot and I shall oot look beyond Champioo Hurdler running out of stamina. Gaye Brief oo the card, in the Charles certainly has oo shortcomings in that sphere.

Norton Cross, his only runner oo the card, in the Charles Davis Handicap Chase. Despite looking backward, Norton Cross, his only runner oo the card, in the Charles Davis Handicap Chase. Despite looking backward, Norton Cross, his only runner oo the card, in the Charles Davis Handicap Chase. too Cross woo in a fast time at Wetherby oo his seasonal Majed. He made maximum debut, beating Kevinsfort by



Strictly oo the form book, Kevinsfort is entitled to re-verse the placings oo 4lb better terms but Norton Cross, a course and distance winner, may have come on more for the race and is marginally preferred to his fellow northern challenger.

Protection, one of the best quality recruits from Flat racing in recent years, makes his eagerly-awaited debut in the Bingley Novices' Hurdle. The winner of last year's Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot under 9st 7lb when fourth to Robio Goodfellow at Newbury last trained by Henry Cecil, week and now has the assistance of Graham Bradley who and can provide Andy Turnell runners.

out a runner at the day's principal meeting but has bright prospects of landing a Market Rasen treble with her only three runners at the Greek (2.15), Hand Over (3.15) and Hopeful Mission (3.45).

Protection is reported to have tance of Graham Bradley, who adapted well to his new role also rides the other Harewood

with a welcome change of The only trainer with a better record at Market Rasen than Mrs Dickinson, in percentage terms, is Martin Pipe, whose sole representative today is Careen. He has the Hexham winner, Patrick's Star, to beat in the

> Grinders, who provided Ted Carter with his first winner for 10 months at Newcastle last month, can follow up for the Malton trainer by defying top weight in the Limestone Edward Handicap Chase where the pick of his five opponents may be the veteran, Fortina's

White Swan Selling Hurdle.

Racing films on television

Racing around the world is to be featured on television in a new series of seven 30-minute films, entitled Million Dollar Racing. The first, featuring the Melbourae Cup, will be shown by Channel 4 tomosrow and the others will be broadcast once a month during the channel's coverage of big meetings.

His various accassions in the

Big racing occasions in the United States, France, India, Singapore and Switzerland have been incorporated in the first series. A second series gues into production next year when racing in Scandinavia, New Zealand and South America will be included.

Broadheath heads for Hennessy after sound trial

season when he gave a sound beating to some good opponents in the Silver Buck Steeplechase at Wincaston yesterday.

David Barons's gelding, unlucky to be brought down just as he was beginning to make progress in last Saturday's Mackeson Gold Cup, was always going well and jumped ahead five from home to come in four lengths ahead of last in four lengths ahead of last month's Newbury winner, I Haventalight.
Broadheath was 51b out of the

Broadheath was 51b out of the handicap here and will meet everything on better terms in the big Newbury race tomorrow week. Barons said: "The Hennessy has never been one of our incky races but this one may change things. It's going to take a very good horse to stop him."

I Haventalight is also in the Hennessy but would have to find 4th and four lengths to trouble Broadheath, while Charter Party, only fourth here, would have to find 5th and 1 bered beingths. David Nicholson, however, intends to run Charter

ever, intends to run Charter Party, pointing out that the eight-year-old was staying on well and is never at his best first

exciting prospect when Annie Ra, a thirtieth success of the season for Richard Dunwoody, led with two to jump and beat a big field with a touch of style in the Hopeful Novices' Hundle.

the Hopeful Novices' Hirdle.

Annie Ra was giving her owner, Mrs Ann Bevan, her first racing success. The filly will be ridden in future by Mrs Bevan's 18-vear-old son, Richard, who is being tutored by Nicholson.

Von Trappe had got round only once in his last six races when he went out for the Badger Beer Handicap Chase but he had some very intensive schooling from Ben de Haan — under Jenny Pitman's eagle eye — and he rewarded them by giving weight all round.

They have had the horse out almost every day in all weathers—and kept him out until he got it

Broadheath put up one of the best Hennessy trials seen this season when he gave a sound beating to some good opponents in the Silver Buck Steeplechase at Wincaston weterists. and a half from Catch Phrase who was receiving a stone

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who was receiving a stone.

Mrs Pitman said: "He's a lovely natured horse but his confidence has been shaken. I felt very sad for him and wasn't worried about winning today. I just didn't want him to finish on the floor again. He is now getting higher at his fences but I want his confidence fully restored and he will not run in the Hennessy."

At Towester, the in-form Fyfield trainer, Toby Balding, again proved the man to follow

Fyfield trainer. Toby Balding, again proved the man to follow with a 14½-1 double. None Too Dear, admirably ridden by Richard Guest, opened his winning account in the Romanoff Vodka Conditional Jockeys' Novices' Hurdle.

Balding, who has now had eight winners in the last fortnight — three on the Flat and

eight winners in the last fortnight — three on the Flat and
five over jumps — was also on
the mark with Glenside Jerry in
the Grants of St James Wholesale Novices' Chase.

Guest, the season's leading
conditional rider with 10, winners, coolly made up ground on
None Too Dear to join Tom
Fortester at the last flight.
Gaining the lead almost immediately on landing, the 11-8
on favourite forged six lengths
clear of his Epsom rival with
Camden Belle, who made a lot
of the running, staying on for
third place, seven lengths further away.

ther away.

Glenside Jerry's nearest rival
in the novice chase was Ivor
Anthony, trained by Balding's brother, ian.

brother, ian.

Eamon Murphy, last season's leading conditional rider. comfortably won the Benskins Bitter Handicap Chase on Golden Minstrel, who is likely to run again at Huntingdon tomotrow in the Macer Gifford Handicap Chase, run in memory of his trainer's brother. Josh won the race last year with almost every day in all weathers - won the race last year with and kept him out until he got it Greenwood Lad.

ASCOT

Selections By Mandarin

1.00 Protection. 1.35 Glen Micl. 2.10 Nortoo Cross.

2.40 GAYE BRIEF (pap). . 3.10 Long Engage 3.40 Kildimo.

By Michael Seely

2.10 KEVINSFORT (nap). 2.40 Ibn Majed. 3.40 Kildimo.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0632 TIMESFORM (CDUSF) (Mrs J Ryley) S Hall 9-10-0 . Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Shi-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up., U-unseated rider, B-brought down. S-sipped up. R-refused). Horse's weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Timeren (B-binkers, W-risor, H-hood, E-Eyeshleid, C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course

Going: chase course- good; hurdles course- good to firm 1.0 BINGLEY NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2.218: 2m) (7 runners)

701	ALTO CINEIRLIS (Mrs A Perkinson) N Gaselee 11-0	- 6-1
102	6 CHICLET (BF) (Dewfresh Mushrooms) J Jenkins 11-0	- 9-2
104	9 GOD'S HOPE (), Bush) R Akehurst 11-0 R Demicord	71 10-1
105	GURTEEN BOY (J Horgan) R Hannon 11-0	· — 12-1
107	6 MR PARIGER (G Hubbard) J Gifford 11-0	75 8-1
116	020- PRIME OATS (Miss P Waterman) N Henderson 11-0 \$ Smith Eccles	99 11-4
711	PROTECTION (H Joel) A Turnell 11-0 Save Knigh	- 794
	1985: DOMINATE 11-0 R Durwoody (5-1) P Mitchell 7 rain	

CHICLET was bought off the Flat for 11,500gns but (10-5) only 8th to Ewis Lamb (10-1) at Huntingdon on hurding debut (2m, £997, good, Oct 25, 18 ran). GOD'S HOPE (10-10) never reached the front rank when 2417th of 22 behind Canden Belia (10-12) at Windsor (2m, £1123, good, Nov 8, 25 ran), biff PARKER (10-11) well there for much of the trip when 9th to Skygrange (10-12) at Viorcester (2m 27, £3128, good, Oct 25, 23 ran). PRIME QATS well supported but behind Solar Cloud in the Triumph hurdig less time, earlier (11-0) kit numer-up to Tengognet (11-7) at Cheltenham (2m, £7683, good to soft, Jan 25, 11 ran). PROTECTION was high-class on the Flat.

Selection: PRIME QATS

1.35 PUNCH BOWL HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,312: 3m) (3 runners)

1985: INTEGRATION 11-11-0 C Brooks (3-1) E Retter 4 ran

FORM JUST FOR THE CRACK completed last season in top form, on his final start (10-7) beating Bashful Lad (10-1) and Disserve (12-3) 2%1 and the same at Worcester (3m, 2213), first, May 3, 11 ran). GLEN MIEL stipped up on English debut. He last ren in related in March, his win came over 2m 21 and (11-4) he ran a good race at Linearick to be 121 2nd to heare (12-0) who later won the frish Grand National (3m 11, £1035, soft, Nov 28, 16 ran). CELTIC HAMLET (10-0) last of 9 behind Course Hurter (10-12) at Sandown, earlier (10-0) 3i Hurtimydon 2nd to Golden Ministrel (10-11) (3m, £1663, good, Oct 25, 5 ran). Selection: JUST FOR THE CRACK

2.10 CHARLES DAVIS HANDICAP CHASE (£6,719: 2m) (7 runners)

1.15 Careeo. 1.45 Just Alick. 2.15 Royal Greek.

Going: good

306	1010P-2	KEVINSFORT (D) (Mrs R Haggie) Jimmy Pitzgerald 6-11-7	98	11-4
307	43222-1	NORTON CROSS (CD) (May J Linley) M H Easterby 8-11-8 (4ex) L Wyer	98	F3
			26	7-
309	41321-2	LOCHRUN (D) (Smith Mansfield Meet Co Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-2, P Scudemore	. 93	8-1
310	030P-03	TORDEALBRACH (CD) (H Harpur-Crews) P O'Connor 12-10-13 H Devies	90	12-1
			90	6-1
			96	10-1
		1985: DESTINY BAY 7-10-13 S Smith Eccles (5-2) N Henderson		
	307 308 309 310 311	307 43222-1 308 31241-0 309 47321-2 310 030P-03 311 200-121	310 030P-03 TORDEALBRIACH (CD) (H Harpur-Grewe) P O'Connor 12-10-13	307 45222-1 NORTON CROSS (CD) (Akg J Lickey) Mr Easterby 8-11-6 (4eq.,

FORM NORTON CROSS (10-2) picks up a 4th penalty for beating KEVINSFORT (10-7) 11/4 at Wetherby (2m 50), 25022, good. Oct 31, 10 ran) with TORROEAL BHACK (10-0) a tong way back in 7th BRIGHT CASSIS (10-4) finished fast when a teck 2nd to Glermue (10-2) at Autree in the Whiterest Trophy (2m 8), 210352, good to soft, Apr 3, 22 ran) last season. LOCHRUN (11-2) interhed a head 2nd to the enigments: Little Bay (12-7) at Uttowater on season reappearance (2m, 22-46, good to firm, Oct 31, 7 ran) and will emprove for the nun. WELSK OAK (10-10) was an easy 10 whener from Todor Flood (10-0) at Whiterenton (2m 5), 24-503, firm, Oct 16, 5 ran) last time out. DENNES AUBURN (10-12) lacked the pace up to the run-in when 51 2nd to Hope End (10-3) at Bangor (2m, 21774, good, Nov 7, 5 ran).

MARKET RASEN

Selections

By Mandarin

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 HAND OVER.

1985: WINNING STAR 4-10-8 D Murchy 19-4) A Balley 16 ran

1.45 RED LION CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (21,559: 217) (3 runners)

1985: TARN 7-11-7 J Davies (9-4) T Tate 5 ran

1985: DANISH FLICHT 6-11-7 M Dwyer (6-4 tav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 16 ran

1 2210-02 JUST ALICK (CD) (S Childs) M H Easterby 7-11-10 R Gentry (5) 98 5-4
3 222112 TUMBLE JiM (CD,BF) (T Cerningham) T Cerningham 7-10-10 R Mariey (5) 99 F4-6
6 FPUP2-0 STOWELL GROVE (D) (R Lester) R Psecock 9-10-5 K Ryan - 25-1

1.15 WHITE SWAN SELLING HURDLE (2721: 2m) (12 runners)

2.15 GEORGE NOVICE HURDLE (£1,621: 2m) (20 runners)

040030- DALLAS SMITH (S Elmer) M C Chapman 5-11-0

QARK CYGNET (G Legopa) 0 Lee 4-11-0.

DORAYTHYM (MYS 0 McFartand) Pex Carrer 4-11-0.

6 ELARIB (R Cartwright) T Feirhurst 7-11-0.

4200- FM EXCEPTIONAL (F H Lest F H Lee 4-11-0.

20- RIBSH CONNECTION (M Thourims) J L Harris 4-11-0.

MO NESS (MYS F Raper) V Thompson 4-11-0.

NO CREDIBELITY (M Steward) 9 Rictmond 4-11-0.

6 PUNCH DRIMK (F Elmond) Just 90 Rictmond 4-11-0.

7 ROTAL GREEK (J Honton) MYS M Dickingon 4-11-0.

4 ROYAL GREEK (J Honton) MYS M Dickingon 4-11-0.

7 ROSTOL TRACK (N Buckle) Denny Smith 6-11-1.

04 SERSIADES (V Thompson) V Thompson 5-11-0.

05 SERSIADES (V TROPPSON) P Woodhouse 5-10-9.

CROCHAN STAR (F C Lees) F C Lees 5-10-9.

FRIENDLY BEE (R Metcalle) J Glover 4-10-9.

FRIENDLY BEE (A Metcalle) J Glover 4-10-9.... LADY SONGE (S Emer) M C Chapman 4-10-9...

9/10 BUCKLOW HILL (D) (N Nurtail) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-7 GRAMOS VENTURE (Mrs & Rudge) E Curter 4-11-0 CREEAGER (J M Berry) W Wharton 4-11-0 049030- DALLAS SMITH (S Elmer) M C Chapman 5-11-0

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2.45 Grinders. 3.15 Hand Over. 3.45 Hopeful Mission.

\$ Miletall (7) \$1 — JJ Caren 87 94 A Carroll 6 39 14-1

J J Celan 95 3-1

M Pepper — 20-1

S Mitchell (7) — 5 Woods (7) — 6 Woods (7) — 6 Fairhard — 7, 4-1

O Dutton
G Brodley 99 F7-4
C Grant 90 4-1

P Corrigan

Air M Thompson (4)

87 9-1 94 20-1

79 — 97 12-1 77 —

6 Turner (7) S Woods (7)

-- 16-1 89 — 83 6-1

2.40 A.T.CROSS ASCOT HURDLE (Grade II: £13,452: 2m 4f) (5 runners) BBC 2

401 3813-11 ACRICCH (D) (H Cilver) Mrs 6 Oliver 7-11-7 ______ J D
402 3F-213F- GAYE BRREF (CD) (Shelith All Abu Khamelin) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-7 ___ S Moor
406 F1110-1 SIN MAJED (CD) (P O'Donnell) C Spares 4-10-11 ______ J Med.
409 441F30- SHEER GOLD (CD) (Lady Harrie) G Belding 6-10-11 ______ S Steel
416 P1101-3 MRS MUCK (CD) (N Twistern Davies) N Twistern Davies 5-10-9 ____ P Seed 1985: GAYE BRIEF 5-10-11 R Linky (13-8 tav) Mrs M Filmet 8 ran

FORMI GAYE BRIEF (12-2) looked far superior to his rivals when beating Crimson Embers (12-2) and the results of 15% book in 5%, here (3m, 25018, cood, Apr 9, 11 ran). Provincinty ADMOCH (11-9) ran the race of his life to beat Champion funds SEE YOU THEN (11-11) a length at Liverpool, with SHEER GOLD (11-1) 16 back in 3rd (2m 57, 213765, good to soft, Apr 5, 9 ran). This should prove his optimum the IDM IRALED (11-2) showed slight improvement to beat for Pass (11-8) 10 with IRALED (11-2) showed slight improvement to beat for Pass (11-8) 10 with IRALED (11-12) showed slight improvement (2m 4f, 23257, Nov 6, 8 ran). Best with some cut in the ground.

3.10 HURST PARK NOVICE CHASE (Grade It: 28,232: 2m) (8 runners) - BBC 2 501 211211 BUTLENS PET (0) (Nrs J Holes) T Hallett 7-11-8_

| 2121 | BU (1216 PE) 1985: DESERT ORCHIO 6-11-4 C Brown (4-9 lav) II Eleworth 4 ran

FORMI SUTLERS PET (11-3) has won 4 of his 5 chasse this seeson, most notably when benting ICTTRIGER (11-3) 1½ at Kerreton (2m, 22313, good, Oct 18, 8 ran) on penultimate start. CO-CANE (11-1) improved on some hoodest efforts last seeson beging Rematrix (11-4) ½ at Challenthera (2m, 23603, good to firm, Cot 22, 5 ran) on seesonal debut, JODIT SOVERBEIGHTY (11) despite subdy on the band, best innocent John (10-10) 2 at Westerby (2m 4t, 22442, good to soft, Nov 1, 8 ran) and can improve on that this element. ChiPPED METAL (10-13) make very low jumping errors at Chapselow (2m, E1SSB, good to soft, Nov 1, 10 ran) accounting for Cameballe (10-8) by 8. POYLE PRINCEPANN (11-4) has shways looked a chaser. Blundared at a couple of Reness when 27 2nd to Olympic Price (11-4) from an October 28th (2m, E2S29, 1m, 5 ran). LONG ENGAGEMENT was very rouch in contention when taking at Challentham last time, previously (11-5) best Ace of Spisces (11-0) an impressive 101 at Wormster (2m, £13 06, good, Oct 25, 13 ran). Selection: LONG ENGAGEMENT

3.40 LION GATE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,038: 3m) (6 runners)

				000 6
601	003/011-	MOTIVATOR (O) (T Remoder) M Ryan 6-11-10	O MicCourt	97 F6-4
603	1280-41	KELDRAD (Ledy Harris) G Building 6-11-7 (4ex)	& Sherwood	999.8-4
604	11/QPQP-	CELTIC CRACKER (D) (P Evens) R Hartop 5-11-4	R Crank	
		SHANGOSEER (J Green) J Jenkins 5-11-2		
608	POP10-0	VSLESO (T Forde) J King 6-11-1	S McHell	
607	P203-11	CRISP (J Levy) C Flend 5-10-7	M Perrett	94 9-2
		1985: PHYTHEIC PASTEMES 5-11-8 S Smith Eccles (4-5 tav) J Je		

FORM SIGNIVATOR (10-7) best Simo Forever (11-1) 51 to land a big particle when winning the Corel Solden Hurdie Final at Cheltenham (3m 11, 218595, good, Mar 12, 31 rant, IREDIBIO (11-1) showed improved form to easily account for Inchgower (10-8) at Cheltenham (3m 11, 24854, good to firm, Nov 6, 9 rant). This ground may prove a protein. CEL.TIC CRACKER completed the course only cace last season when tabled off at Warwick (2m 55, SHANGOSEER, out of form since before Christmas, finished (11-40) a creditable 101 2nd to Lashydrock (10-1) in a hurdie at Chepatow (2m, 52458, good, Nov 2, 6 rant). CRESP who acts on any good, continues to improve and (10-5) won a shade deverty by 2%1 from Mount Solus (11-5) at Kempton (2m 4, 2828, good, Oct 16, 14 rant).

Course specialists

	M H Easterby S Mellor M Gaselee N Henderson O Nicholson Mrs M Rimell	TRAINER Witners 11 B 6 9 11 5	Aurory 27 23 34 65 83 42	Per Cent 40.7 25.1 17.9 13.8 13.3 11.9	S Smith Eccles P Scudamore H Davies R Rowe	JOCKEYS Whenes 14 23 6 7 Only Qualiforn	Flidew 76 187 55 88	Per Co. 18.4 16.1 10.3 8.0
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2.45 LIMEST	ONE EDWA	RD HAN	DICAP CH	IASE (£2,880: 3	m) (6 runners)	·

M Pepper 9 95 F2-1 — R Larab 97 10-1 Youlden (4) 95 7-2 — O Datton 90 94

1985: PLANETMAN 8-12-2 G Bradley (1-2 tay) Mrs M Dickinson 5 ran

3.15 ASTON ARMS NOVICE CHASE (£1,324; 2m 5f) (14 runners) DOES-1 HAND OVER (Mrs M Haggas) Mrs M Dickloson 7-11-13...
DOE- CHORAL SURPRISE (M Thompson) V Thompson 6-11-6...
21020-4 BMD FOREVER (A McClustery) M H Estatoly 8-11-5...
FROMEST GOLD (M Machamide) N Cump 8-11-6...
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Five-day entry system gets go-ahead

The Jockey Club have given the go-shead for the new five-day entry scheme to be inunder the chairmanship of the roduced in the winter of 1985.

Jockey Club steward, Louis prove than four 89. The new system will allow trainers to enter for races only five days in advance instead of

three weeks as at present.

The delay in introduction is to allow systems to be set up and allow systems to be set up and thoroughly tested. Trainers will make their curries through Brit-ish Telecom's Prestel service which will be linked to computers operated by Weatherbys, the Jockey Club's secretariat.

Jockey Club steward, Louis Freedman, after more than four years of discussions.

There have been critics of the plans, including the Press, who fear an enormous increase in five-day entries over the present four-day declarations, and trainers, who are concerned about the increased cost of entry.

introductory period during which time trainers will make four-day declarations via Prestel under the present entry system so that the geographical network can be tested and trainers can gain experience of using the equipment.

The Jockey Club are still looking at the possibility of a system for overnight declaration of jockeys which has been

Results from three meetings

Wincanton

CSP: £3.33.
1.15 (2m ch) 1, SLEMBONS (R Rows, 7-2), 2, Cavries Closen (R Amott, 13-2; 3, 5terwood, 8-1); 2, Quick Reaction (G fig (P Berton, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 7-4 fev Haz (P Berton, 14-1). ALSO HANC 7-4 Rev Whise Messace (48), 15-2 Imperial Chempagne (f), 12 Carnisbelle (58), Luny-O (f), 16 Jacuzzd (58), 25 Metch Messac, 33 January Edwards, Throuchem Lad (f), 50 Gold Crosk, 12 ran, 2, 10, 15, 254, 12. J Gifford at Findon, Tolar, 82,75, 22.90, 22.20, 21.50. DF, £19.80, CSF, 22.50,

E2.10, F2.20. DF: F00.00. CSF: E78.62.

2.16 (2m 5f cr) 1, VON TRAPPE (8 de Hsun, 11-2); 2. Catch Physics (R Rows, 7-1); 3, they's life (P Scudenters, 6-4 fav), ALSO RAN-9-2 Duice Of Milan (5d), 5 The Courty Stone (4th), 6. Lucky Rew (6th, 6 nn. 1%, 6), 10, 6l, dist. Mrs. J Planus at Upper Lambourn. Tota: £4.90; 28.60, 23.10. DF: £11.70. CSF: £36.58.

2.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, BROADHEATH (P Notholts, 4-1); 2, 1 Herwestalight (P Scudenters, 2-1 fart; 3, Siznen Legree (R Rows, 5-1), ALSO RAN-4 Charter Party (4th), 6 Rowne 17 Feeson (6th), 12 Been Aurger (5th), 50 Bickeligh Bridge, 7 nn. 4, 71, 9, 8, dist. O Bernst, at Knignistridge. Tota: £3.90; £1.80, £1.90. DF: £8.60. CSF: £11.41.

3.16 (2m hdbe) 1, ANNEE RA (R

DF: ERGO. CSF: E11.41.

3.16 (2m hdb) 1, Ashee RA (R Durwoody, 5-1; 2, Lizzy Langstecking (D Wornstook, 16-1; 3, Fesce Jodge (L Harvey, 15-2; ALSO RAN: 2 fav Musical Mystely, 7-2 Butts Bey, 8 Nancisus; (Sh), 14 Safe Custory, 16 Abbe Lad, Grand Calebration (Sh), King Minned (4th), 23 Bibrook, Vairach, Whosver, Wollow Bay [pu]), 33 Abou-Aziz, Another Bing, Copprove (f), Saint Maio, Vanishing Boy (pu), Marry, Miss Me Not, Sovernichtino, The Golf Skie, 23 ran. 2, 54, 4, 12, 2, 0 Alcholson at Stop-on-tip-Wold. Tole:

CSF: 2108.00
3.45 (2tu Indie) 1, HYPHOSIS (C Brown, 5-4 lay); 2, Amadis (B Powel, 3-1); 3, Mountain Man C Jones, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 6 Mening (40), 12 Al Flash, 18 Herbour Bridge (8th), Maison's Tolean (f), Mr Key (ou), 20 Tachador, 33 Missiar Golden, Top Gold, 50 Hightend Citiper, Shipwright, 13 ran. 6, 72, 31, 12, fd. 0 Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tole: 22.70; 21,90, 21,70, 22,70. DF: 24,80. CSF: 27,07. Tricest: 22A.85.
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1.9 (2m Sf 100yd ch) 1, GLENSDE
JERRY K Mooney, 5-1); 2, iror Anthony
(8-1); 3, Bata (fi Goldrich, 9-2), ALSO
RAN: 6-5 faw Western Vision (bu), 8
Epryana (5th), 18 Facia (8th), 20 Jubileo
Lights (ar), Jury Action, 50 Banjarnin
Ribbit (pu), Drainbirneac (pu), Gold
Express (4th), Dorwood Latly (f), 12 ran.
4, 301, 134, 20, 201, 6 Batding at Fylield,
Tota: 5172.10; 52.90, -22.50, 21.10, DF:
524.10, CSF: 554.22 224.10, CSF: £54.22

1.30 (2m hclis) 1, TAWNY SPRIT (J. Chirm, 5-2); 2, Pale Chief (E Buckley, 7-1); 3, The Emid (M Bestard, 50-1); ALSO RAN: 2 fav Aurite Dot (504), 9-2 The Diplomet (401), 7 Diamonds High (pul), 12 The Rusk (pul), 25 Catherine Bridge (512), Potistown, 50 Fat Of Love, 16 ran, NRT: Purple Flesh, nk, 41, 191, 191, Ind. Jammy Phoperald at Melinar, Totar, £5,80; 22.10, 21, 90, 25.90.

12.11.50, GSR: £32.06, Tricant: £1.22, 54.

£1.221.54.

2.9 (2m 50xt ch) 1, FRINKESKO (R J Beggan, 16-1); 2, Morning Brusto (S Moore, 15-2); 3, Kassir (I Janvis, 11-1); ALSO RANN 8-2 Metar Clear The Course (Sch), Abbey Averuse, 11-2 Bullion, 15-2 Turistra (879, 12 Preddie Bee, Mr Mouse, 14 Archers Prince (878), Young Hawk, 35-1 Figuring Tide, 12 ran. 7, 34, 34, 154, 254. S Christian at Lamboura, Toes 216,70; 25,50, 23,50; 23,10, DF, £110.60, CSF; 2120.70, Thicket £1,260.11.

2.30 (2m height), MONE TOO DEAR (R 230.70. Tricast: E1.290.10.

2.30 (2m holle) 1. NONE TOO DEAR (R. Guess, 6-11 favi; 2; Tom Formster (D. McKeown, 19-1); 3; Camelon Belle (S. Dowling, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Smithy Bear, 10 Masterly, 16 Admiral Crichton, 20 Roundgrey, Speedy Boy (42t), 33 Lady (Risca, Sheiringo, 88 Golden Dessiny, Karamoun (5th), Lucky Michael, Tagore, Mass Balanacrate (6th), Ribble Star, 16 ran. 6, 7, 5t. 24, 40 Desding at Whyll, Total E1.70: E1.40, 22.70, 83.60, DR: 28.90. CSF: 23.44.

S.D (3th 190yd) 1, GOLDEN MIRESTRI (E Murphy, 9-11 fev); 2, Bundle Boy Davies, 100-37; 3, Donaghanoyne

. There will be a six-month expected in the New Year.

McCoust, B-2t, 3, Mystery Clock (P. Rouell, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 for learo, 9-2 Artistic Chempton, 10 Winning Demoer (4th), 14 Dese Cussen, 16 Sanon Demien, 20 Cornish Prisco (Birth, Cygnets Sest (Str), 33 Greek Switt, Halvick Say, Jultown Lad, Scient Lad, Seprema Denoer, Glesspik Final, Hausted Step, Sar Of Tar. 16 ren. 61, 176, 3th Ich, nl., 31. Mars N Smith it Lembourn. Tota: £13.90; £3.40, £2.40, £7.80. Dep. £21.50. CSP: £43.69.
Placepot: £389.39.

Uttoxeter Golograph C. 1.15 (2m ch) 1, YELLOW STAG (S. J. O'Nell, 8-1); 2, Silver Snow (R. Sarnshaw, 9-1); 3, Go Arum Go (R. Stronge, 20-). ALSO RAN: 11-10 key Jamile Pat (f), 2 Secret Vale (f), 20 Bright lamp (put), Royat Tycom (f), 50 Florence (4th), Themes Air (f), 9 ran. 11, 61, 61, R. Fruncis at Melpes. Tota: 217.50; 23.00, 27.20, 22.50. DF; 238.60. CSP: 278.58.

E38.60. CSP: 279.58.

1.45 (2an helin) 1, ASTICOT (A Carroll, 3-1); 2, Kaw Hai (M Brauzan, 14-1); 3, Mino Volundor (M Bouwley, 10-1), ALSO RAN-7-4 tay Lady Lisa (6th), 8 Hooton Lane (f), 9 Taylors: Renovation (ur), 12 Shared Experience (6th), Natheshi (sut), 14 Kansarock, 16 Molfat Lad, 20 Secret Sloux, 33 Elfmays Lass (put), Dr Comalus-teth), Silent Shedow (dol.), 50 TW S Homes (bd), Wyoming, 16 ran, 8, 7, 10, 3, 8, 0 Wintle at Westbury on Sevent, Total 123.79, 22.00, 22.79, 23.70. DF: 283.04. No bid.

CSP: 249.04. No bid.

2.15 (3m 22 ch) 1, Glussensway Boy (P. Dewer, 5-2 R-tay); 2, Princely Call LJ Suthern, 11-1k; 3, Benefiel Lad (J. Durgen, 5-2 R-tay); ALSO Falk: 3 Healt Millery (4th); 9-2 Covers Gerden (f), 5 ran. 101, 101, dist. Miles A Kley at Stratford-on-Avon. Totr. 22.00; £1.50, £2.30. DF: £14.10. CSP: £20.93.

CSP, 120.53.

2.45 (2m 4f ctr) 1, CORREER (T White, 12-1); 2, Duelle (A Murphy, 20-1); 3, Pan Austic (C Kolfett, 14-1). ALSO FANt-S-2 fav Meeriin (ur.), 5 Churrly Fisher (put, 7 Sibert Echo (f), 15-2 Runrubo (ur.), 9 Parson's Price ((int), The Go-Boy (4th), 11 Princely Lad (Sh), 20 Sharmin (put, 11 nan. 15), sh Ind, 8, 2t, dist. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Tote: £11.20; £2.80,

25,025,67.
3.15 (2n) hdie) 1, SMITH'S GAMBLE (M. Perrett, 7-2r. 2, Special Venture (M. Caswell, 25-1); 3, Moterite (S. Morsheet, 8-1). ALSO RANE 8-4 fav Fervant Hope (4th). 5 The Sunten: Road (5th), 7 Members Revenge, 9 Tertan Twitight (5th), 14 Poets Day, 25 Mismor Sacret, Mr Rev. Sausage Roll, 33 Doveridge, Prove The Case, Rich Nickel, Country Seat. 15 rm. NPL Tomatrianose, \$1, 6, 2%, 7, %, Mrs. J. Plaman at Upper Lembourn. Tots: 25.20; 23.20, 27.40, 13.30. DF (wirner or second with any other horse); 22.80. CSF-254.53.
3.45 (2m. 41 hole) 1, COMERSAGH LONG. with any other horse): £2.80, CSF: £24.53, 3.45 (2m 4t hole); £0.0MERAGH koals (M Dwyer, 6-4 fav); 2, Whinky 6e Go (Miss L Walker, 33-1); 3, Doerne Farine (P Tuck, 5-1); ALSO RAN: 4 Secret Walls, 6 Boot diusion, 14 Miss Nero, The Owle, 20 Hormote (pu), Katle Bourne Sh, 25 Tinther Tool, Cincely Run (Sith, 33 Kilroy Manor, "Reer Barober (pu), Alengrove Sound (pu), Miss Malnowsia (4th), 15 ran. AR: Patricks Fair, Woodway, 12, 3, 11, 13, 13 may Fixperaild at Mellon, Totes 22,80; £1.40, £16.70, £2.30, DF: £219.40, CSF: £38.28, Tricest; £247.68.

• The condition of jockey Jayne
Thompson remained "critical"
at Middlesbrough General Hospiral yesterday evening. Miss
Thompson has been in a deep
coma since falling from Hot
Betty at Catterick Bridge six
days ago. days ago.

strongly opposed by owners, trainers and jockeys. A report is Queensway **Boy for**

chase final Annabel King has plans firmly mapped out for her young stayer, Queensway Boy, who fought his way through a downpour to take the Tom Curran Memorial Trophy

Handicap Chase at Uttoxeter Having watched the race from the running rail, the Stratford-upon-Avon trainer was soaked to the skin, despite having borrowed a hat and cost from her mother. However, she still managed a beaming smile as Queensway Boy returned in

triumph.

The gelding's next stop is the BMW Chase Final at Newbury next week. "Then we will give him a long rest before preparing for the Midlands Grand Na-tional over this track oext spring," said Miss King. Richard Francis is predicting

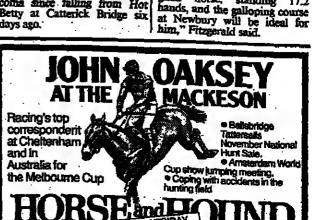
a bold showing from Chipped Metal in the £12,000 Hurst Park Novices Chase at Ascot today. After saddling the former Irish point-to-pointer, Yellow Stag, to win the Foundation Novices' Chase, Francis said: "Chipped Metal is in fine form and will run very well. He has a first rate chance of winning and I am really looking forward to the

Yellow Stag, bought by Richard's father, Doug, in Ireland, was virtually foot-perfect as he bowled along in front and was left with a clear led when Secret Veil's jockey, Reg Crank, was concussed in the fall and will be out of action until Monday.

Fervent Hope, backed from 3-1 to 9-4 favourite, tried to make all in the EBF Novices' Hurdle Qualifier but was a spent force two flights out and trailed in fourth behind Jenny Pitman's Smith's Gamble. The gelding was a much needed winner for Mark Perrett, trying to reestablish his career after breaking his leg on two occasions last ing his leg on two occasions last

Jimmy Pitzgerald was concerned the soft ground would hinder Comeragh King in the Redbank Chimney Pot Handicap but the 6-4 favourite cantered home by 12 lengths.

A fine, strapping horse, Comeragh King will oow switch to chasing and tackles fences for the first time in public at Newbury next week. "He is a giant horse, stranding 17.2 hands, and the galloping course



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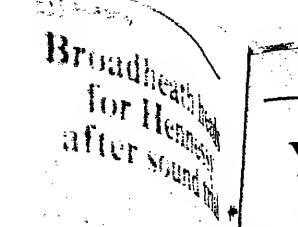
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Yorkshire rumblings herald a gloomy future for Bairstow

After the storms over Taunton last weekend, cricket's turbulence returns to its usual home today, with at least minor squalls expected at Headingley, where the York-shire Committee meet to decide on next season's captain.

They will also discuss their response to the Palmer Report, but the captaincy is likely to command the greater attention. In the garralous tra-ditions of Yorkshire cricket, it has been the game's worst-kept secret in recent weeks that David Bairstow, the cur-rent incumbent, is likely to be replaced after three troubled seasons on the recommendation of the cricket committee. His vice-captain, Phil Carrick, is the odds-on favourite to replace him in the absence of any outstanding candidates, Boycott no longer being a

member of the staff. Bairstow still has his following among the rump of the old pro-Boycott grouping, but he Hartley. He was given the job Martyn Moxon taking uver has lost the confidence of briefly as an inexperienced the vice-captaincy with an eye Brian Close, the chairman of player by Illingworth, but to the future.

The Test and County Cricket Board are to hold a rare consul-taove meeting on Tuesday to

consider recommendations to

change the structure of county

cricket. Any decisions, which may include implementing four-day championship matches and doing away with one of the two

knock-out competitions, will be deferred until the TCCB's win-

ter meeting on December II.

The meeting oo Tuesday, chaired by Raman Subba Row,

will concentrate on the Palmer Report, published earlier this year, and in particular its recom-me odation that four-day matches be introduced in the

county championship. The need for an improvement in coaching at school and jumor levels will

The Palmer committee, chaired by C H Palmer, formerly president of MCC and chairman of the TCCB, was set

up by the TCCB to look into the

the by the ICCB to look into the standards of English cricket after the West Indies trouncing of England in 1984. Among its suggestions was that each county play 16 three-day matches and eight over four days. A decision will be taken on December 11, as to whether this will be the format for the 1982.

will be the format for the 1988 county champiooship. At present each county plays 24

series in Australia, in which England's strength in inter-

national cricket is likely to

receive another stern examina-

tion, it was good news that a scheme to develop future Eng-lish Test players was lamched

at Lord's yesterday.

A School of Merit, organized by the MCC and sponsored by Thora Lighting, who have made an initial

commitment to the scheme of

four years, will provide regular

coaching during the winter for

30 youngsters of outstanding potential, aged from 12 to 18.

It is hoped that they will graduate to county and ui-

also be discussed.

neither inspiring for the younger players nor tactically acute. His perceptible loss of

foregone conclusion.

shrewdest thinkers on the stocked with batsmen has told game among the senior members of the Yorkshire dressing room and on his few opportu-nities captaining the side in Bairstow's absence, there were signs that imagination and thought was being brought to the task even if it was not always successful.

up during the summer by the Cricket Council, whose mem-

bers include representatives of the TCCB, MCC, the National

"The structure of cricket has

been a major topic for 80 years

instil into the boys the need for

a high standard of discipline to

be allied to the development of

their playing ability.

Boys have been chosen from

all over the country - the

sponsors will assist with the

cost of travel and coaching — and former England captains, such as Mike Brearley and

Bob Willis, and the Test match unspire, Dickie Bird, are to be invited as instructors.

As part of their support,

Thorn have installed nev

lighting in the indoor school. No one at yesterday's launch would seriously entertain the thought that floodlight pylons

might some day be installed

Westimuny has not come to terms with the one-day game, while both Dias and Madugalle

are not fully fit. But the trio are expected in tour India for next month's three-Test series. Pakistan, India and West Indies complete the Sharjab quartet.

young cricketers.

panel of coaches.

On the eve of an Ashes MCC's head coach, who will

Tuition, in the indoor school at Lord's, will be under the watchful eye of Don Wilson,

Sri Lanka opt for youth

Colombo (Reuter) — Sri pronged pace attack. Three of Lanka have named a youthful squad of 14 with ideal qualities for limited overs cricket to compete in the four-nation inurnament starting in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, on November 26.

United Arab Emirates, On.
November 26.
The Test captain, Duleep Mendis, leads the party, with the all-rounder, Arjuna Ranatunga, as his deputy, and it includes wicketkeepers, Guy de Alwis, and Brendon Kuruppu, who is also an aggressive opener. Graeme Labrooy, a promising young fast bowler, joins seasoned campaigners, Asantha de Mel, Rumesh Ratnayake, and Ravi Rainayeke, in four-

the cricket committee, and for found the politics inside and all his own indomitable qual-ties, his leadership proved much for him.

At the age of 30, Hartley is older and wiser oow, and both by example and strength of form last summer, with injuries and the pressure of cap-ries and the pressure of cap-taincy taking a visible toll, has made his removal almost a fool tactically. The days of foregone conclusion.

Carrick, aged 34, is the most likely replacement. He is recity to establish his place ognized as one of the beyond doubt in a side well-

Lack of form would appear to argue also against the avencular Carrick, who took only 36 first-class wickets at just over 43 runs apiece last scason, but there is no slow left-arm spinner pressing a conclusive case for inclusion Although the genial Jim at the moment, and he is Love has been floated as a known to have Close's suppossible outsider, the only port. That should swing the other serious contender is Neil day, with the possibility of Hartley. He was given the job Martyn Moxon taking over

TCCB meet over Wessels in county structure Australian rebel team

We see the championship as the main competition for the development of cricketers," said Alan Smith, the chief executive designate of the TCCB, who was a member of the Palmer committee.

a member of the Palmer Dr Ali Bacher, the South committee. "We will also be African cricket chief, told a press talking on Tuesday about running the Sunday League on the
same lines as present and
abbreviating or possibly doing
away with one of the two knocktalking on Tuesday about runconference yesterday that the
South African-born former
Anstralian Test opening barsman would be available to the
tourists from the beginning of next month.

He said the Australian Cricket As a result of a paper drawn

Board (ACB) had agreed to release Wessels from his con-tract with them. "We are very appreciative of the co-operation of the ACB," said Dr Bacher.

Cricket Association and Minor Counties Cricket Association, proposals will be mooted for improving the standard of The announcement ended weeks of speculation about whether Wessels, who emigrated to Australia some years ago, would be included in the tour and which side he would "The paper says that the TCCB, who run the professional game, and the NCA who organize the recreational game, should be working together more closely." Smith said. "We

He returned to South Africa earlier this year after announc-ing his retirement from Test cricket and was appointed cap-tain of Eastern Province. The presence of Wessels will strengthen the tourists' batting

will be looking at Palmer's proposals to set up a special ine-up — their weak point during the first tour during which they lost both the limited overs and four-day series to the and the purpose of having a consultative meeting before tak-Springboks.
"I am delighted to get a man ing decisions is to try and be as

three day matches.

The day matches thorough as possible."

IMCC back school

for young stars

The delighted to get a man of Kepler's stature back into the system." Dr Backer said.

Some of the tourists are known to have opposed the inclusion of Wessels because of his refusal to join the first tour. Players who undertook that tour were banned by the ACB for three years from international and interstate cricket. and interstate cricket.

The houses of two Cape Town cricket officials were attacked this week and "Aussies go home" slogans daubed on walls by a mysterious group opposed to the tour. Oil was also poured on the Newlands cricket pitch in Cape Town.
The Australians, most of

whom have not played compet-iovely since the first tour ended in February, should not be stretched in their opening fix-ture, a one-day match against Southern Cape in Oudtshoorn

Bricks and stones were buried on Wednesday night at the luxury seaside hotel where the

luxury seaside hotel where the tourists are staying in Cape Town, police said.

A group calling itself The Commando has claimed responsibility for earlier attacks in protest at the tour. But a South African police spokesman said. said no "persoo or organisation" had so far claimed responsibility for the incident on Wednesday night.

The Australian team manager, Bruce Francis, said: "It happened on my side of the building... I thought it was just a bloke falling off a ladder or something and didn't even bether to one the mutains." bother to open the curtains."

The tourists have been condemned for breaking the international sporting boycott of South Africa, imposed because of the Republic's apartheid policies.

Help for skiers

Richard Tracey, the Sports Minister, will officially open the new £650,000 alpine ski centre Charity run

The Football League is to mark its 100th anniversary next season with a nationwide charity fun run on September 20

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The Football League is to mext year. Players, officials and directors will run alongside supporters at courses around all supporters at courses around all specific per hour.

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TENNIS

French flair: Noah displays his athletic ability and grace in stretching wide for a backhand

Find the heart of London for therein lies the soul

three years ago he was still not so far removed from the wide-

cyed little boy of eleven we had found one night at a tennis club

In the dimly-lit corridor that leads from the dressing rooms to the somewhat priminive showers at the Wembley Arena, he looked like some African chieftain, draped in brown and gold towels, his spiky hair topping off a dramatic silhouette. "Can you believe it? I won a match in London!" Yannick Noah exclaimed upoo spying a friend in the semi-darkness.

The Frenchman's delight was understandable. Ever since he

understandable. Ever since he emerged from the Cameroons to give France the superstar that tennis-crazy nation had craved, Noah has burled his superb physique around the courts of the world with increasing levels of success and acclaim every-where -- except in England.

For more reasons than one could dream of, he has only played at Wimbledon three times in seven years and has only made it to the Bensoo and

Hedges championships twice before this year.

Injuries alone do not quite tell the story. Like the man himself, the reasons are more complex. First, there was an inherent mistrust of Wimbledon's grass. Then there was the city itself.

"I have to feel well in a place before I can play my best tennis and, until now, I have never felt at ease in London, I know it is a great place but I still haven't

The observation is revealing.
Life for Noah is an emotional odyssey based on an implicit understanding that tears often mingle with laughter and that you are oo less of a man for shedding them. There were tears when he hugged his father on the centre court at Stade Roland Garros in 1983, having just become the first Frenchman in 37 years to win the French Open. And tears of a different kind soon after when he found that fame placed an intolerable

championship tomorrow with a first round match against Alex Higgins at the Guild Hall, Preston. The tournament starts

Preston. The tournament starts today with a heavy programme of six morning matches and another six in the afternoon.

Hendry, already bailed as a future world champion, made a fine impression at Sheffield last season when his first attempt at the world fitte ended in a 10-8 defeat by Willie Thorne in the first round. More recently, Hendry's talent delighted spectators at Reading where he lost 5-4 to Jimmy White, the nitimate winner, in the quarter-finals of the Rothmans Grand Prix tournament.

Prix tournament.
Higgins, the 1983 UK cham-

pion when the event was spon-sored by Coral, has not been at

sored by Coral, has not been at his best recently, but he has an impressive record at the Guild Hall, having failed only once to go beyond the quarter-finals since the championship was started in 1977. Steve Davis, who won the UK title last year after beating Thorne 16-14 in the final, begins his defence

Credit Classic at Blackpool in

January.

By then a field of 115 would have been reduced to just 16 and among those will be four players

who do not even figure in the inp 32. Darmy Fowler, a former dustman, and coalface worker, the Scottish teenager, Stephen Hendry, Wayne Jones, and Steve Duggan of Yorkshire are

the quartet.

By tradicion the Mercantile

Credit Classic has thrown op

some shock results and over the

past two days at Blackpool's Norbeck Castle Hotel, the pat-tern has not changed. Cliff Thorburn and Rex Wil-

liams were the last two major

as the black player's nearest challenger. Proving that height is out everything in tennis, Noah has yet to beat the diminutive Kriek. forced him to move into the anonymous limbo of New York. Although marriage and fatherhood has matured him,

in Yanunde when Arthur Ashe and Charlie Pasarell passed through on an exhibition tour in The lights on the court were yellow and large, furry, insects had to be flicked off the baseline before he could serve. But when Ashe handed him his racket, the skinny little child served up a luge ace and, after a few more shots we had not expected to find in the middle of Africa, Ashe was telling Yannick's fa-ther to send him to France.

Finest athlete to play tennis

"I had heard Arthur's name but I didn't know who he was"

he recalled. "I couldn't speak English and I didn't really understand what was happening. But when he spoke to my tather and told him he u

was good, I felt so proud. It gave me great inspiration."

Within a decade, that sprig of talent had blossomed into a sporting entertainer of colossal proportions. "As far as pure athletic ability is concerned, Yannick is in a league of his own" said the Texan doubles expert, Sherwood Stewart, who has been oo the circuit longer than most. "He is probably the finest athlete ever to play the

fronically, considering he plays Nosh at Wembley tonight, Johan Kriek, the newly natural-ized American from South Af-rica, was mentioned by Stewart

form at Toronto where he recently won the Canadian Mas-

ters title, is the favourite. He could meet Thorne in the quar-

ter-finals at Preston and Dennis
Taylor in the semi-finals.

Five first-season professionals, David Roe, Brian
Rowswell, Jon Wright, Paul
Gibson and the local favourite.

Ken Owers have quelified for

Ken Owers, have qualified for the first round in which a total

TODAY'S MATCHES: S Davis v T Chappet E Chariton v V Harris; B Francaco v K Owens: O Reynolds v B Mildelsen: R Williams v T Dragor, J Virgo v G Miles (10.00); W Thorn v T Mayphy; M McLod v Fl Grace; O, Mentin v Williamson; T Meo v J O'Boyer M Hallest v W King; R Resertion v M Glason (2.45).

four hours. Then veteran, Edd

Charlton, not in be outdone hy
the heroics of Rex Williams in
the Rothman's Grand Prix,
defeated the WPBSA chairman
5-4 in another match which

lasted five hours. In contrast, holder, Jimmy White, was home and dried in 54 minutes and

Hendry, needed just 85 minutes

to beat Joo Wright 5-1.
High speed action from the Englishman and the Scot but after such a long gruelling evening few could have forecast

the shocks that had hit the game.
FIFTH ROUND ORAW: J White V S
Duggar, T Griffithe V.J Campbell, W. Jones
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V.S. Hendry: S Francisco V P Francisco.

SNOOKER

Hendry aims for early

upset against Higgins

Stephen Hendry, aged 17, in today with a morning match only his second season as a professional, begins his challenge for the Tennents UK today with a morning match against Tony Chappel. Davis, particularly after his return to form at Toronto where he

as the black player's neares

Last spring, Noah ruined his plans for a serious assault on Wimbledoo by dropping a suitcase on his ankle and then compounding the injury by burning the laser-treated skin with chemical ice. That put him out for most of the summer and the injury is still restrictive. Noah has always imagined he

would give up tennis around the age of 27 - a milestone he will reach next May - to pursue other interests in the world of entertainment. "But I still feel I have so much to do in tennis. These injuries have held me back but, all the while, I feel I am getting better as a tennis player rather than just as an athlete. But it takes time and

athlete. But it takes time and people tend to be so impatient with me. They see me having fun but don't realize what I have given up to get this far."

One thing Noah is giving up at the moment is the company of his Swedish wife, Cecilia, and their two baby children, Joachim and Yelena. "I know the whispering has started about my marriage but the fact is that marriage but the fact is that Cecilia stopped travelling with me after the US Open because it just got too difficult" said Noah. "One child was bad enough but two was ridiculous. And, any-way, tramping around after me woman. She is going to art school in New York now and is really enjoying it."

Meanwhile Noah, a fierce and

spectacular competitor but a very sensitive, even gentle, man, will continue to adorp the game with a special kind of grace and one that might even be seen to full effect at Wimhledon next

Richard Evans

for British iunior team

Dairy Crest have already pledged £60,000 towards the cost. The company will also spend another £15,000 on an spend another £15,000 of an awards scheme aimed at giving further encouragement in ju-niors to improve at inter-national level.

ine first round in which a total of 64 players are in contention. Wright meets Johnson, whereas Roe and Gibson play the former world champions Dennis Taylor and Griffiths respectively.

The tournament will continue unol November 19, then take a short break and granten and continue unol November 19. Since Britain first entered the European junior championships in 1970, five who won titles — Steve Overt, Daley Thompson, Steve Cram, Todd Bennett and Fatima Whitbread — have gone short break, and resume on November 22. It finishes oo November 30. All matches will Fatima Whithread — have gone on to break world records or set world best figures. The outstanding development of Britain's young athletes enabled them in bring home eight medals from this year's inaugural junior world championships in Athens and Roger Black, winner of the 400 metres at last year's European junior championships, followed up with a British record hreaking gold medal be played on the basis of the best-of-I7 frames except the final, which will be over 31. The winner will receive £60,000.

Lights go out for stars Eleven of the worlds top 16 casualties. Dean Reynolds, of players will be missing when television viewers switch on to the fifth round of the Mercantile in a match which lasted oearly Clarke's opener

Dave Clarke (Hercules Wimbledon), the former English champion has his first cross country race of the winter when he competes in a 10k eveot in Grenoble, France, on Sunday. Also running is Gateshead's Kevin Forster, who competed for England in the Contmonwealth Games marathon in Edinburgh.

Corden can go

Stephen Corden, a member of his first team squad, who had been an a monthly contract. The 20-year-old broke a leg on his League debut at Wimbledon on

ATHLETICS Sponsors lift

Britaio's upparalleled achievement of winning 18 medals at the 1985 European junior championships in Conbus has led to approval being given for the Britain board to stage these championships at Birmingham's Alexander Sta-

record hreaking gold medal success in the European senior championships in Stuggart this

Middlesbrough have released

YACHTING

White Crusader slips to fifth as gremlins strike

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantie

Gremlins were hack ahoard white Crusader in her race against French Kiss. The British team had a man overboard and blew out two spinnakers and a genoa before losing by more than four minnes to the French.

It knocks Harold Cudmore and the crew back from third place in joint fifth in the points table for the Louis Vuitton Cup. The second round robio in the challenger for the America's Cup is now over. New Zealand leads with America II second. In the hour's delay before the teast the hour's delay before the teast the saint entered to remain a big force in this regatta.

leads with America II second.

In the hour's delay before the start the wind gusted up in 27 knots and French Kiss bent her boom. It folded in the middle like a boomerang, Marc Pajot's team were able to fit the spare carried on the tender to under 15 minutes.

Up the first beat French Kiss seemed in have more boat speed, gaining steadily on White Crusader through the lumpy reas. "A couple of things went wrong for us but basically they had the speed," said Chris Law. White Crusader's helmsman. Among the things that went wrong was blowing out a genoa wrong was blowing out a genoa on the first beat, a contributory factor in rounding the top mark 45 seconds adrift.

the second windward mark the

the spare beavy weather spinna-ker blew out. "It wasn't a good

day for the British. But there's two weeks of fiddling around

oot enough to help him on the first leg. At the top mark the golden-hulled Kookaburra was 17 seconds ahead. As the yacht came around, Mel Coleman, the mastman, was swept off the deck and then The 20 knot breeze was strong and steady, with the grey drizzle dispelling to be replaced by fitful sunshine. Uphill again Kooka-burra II really soared away from was swept off the deck and then hauled out by Law. "I saw it happen, jumped over the computer box and then the port trimmer and was able to grab him," said Law. "Uofortunately the boat luffed up when I let go of the wheel and the spinnaker by the said th

to 50 seconds Such antics enabled the French to almost double their lead. At the bottom mark Pajot turned up for the second beat one minute 33 seconds ahead.

On this leg White Crusader was able in hold them off and at the second minute and the crusader was the second minute mark the

It was good, but not enough.

The tacking duel up the final work took the steam and the seconds out of Australia IV. She fell further behind with each tack and crossed the line one minute and 41 seconds behind the element of Econds. the gleaming stern of Kooka margin was unchanged. Good fortune did not stay on deck long. During the second reach stays and \$ 31sec. Fract

CHALLENGER SERIES RESULTS
Stars and Stripes by America II, 1min
31sec; French Kles by White Crustader,
425; New Zeeland by Challenge Franca,
925; USA by Heart of America, 222;
Azzurra by Heart of America, DNP;
Canada II by Eagle, 1332;
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Dennis Concer revelled in the	America II
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big sea and stiff breeze to defeat	French Kiss
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tween Conner and Kolius were	NO RACING TODAY.

packed with aggression. Kolius got oo the big Californian's tail 8t the 10-minute gun and never let go.	DEPENDER SERIES RESULTS KOOKBOUTS III DIE AUSTRIE IV Timin 4196; SOUTH AUSTRIE IN STERIE IV TIMIN 42496; KOOKBOUTS III DE TENES STANDINGS
Kolius enjoyed by far the better start, nine seconds ahead of Conner who was down at the pin and sailing slower. Four minutes up the track the fleet of spectator boats and New York Yacht Club VIP vessels saw the first cross. Conner passed two	Kookaburra III 141 19 Kookaburra III 141 19 Kookaburra II 114 15 Australia III 1510 6 South Australia 115 10 6 South Australia 111 8 Steak 'n' Kidney 014 0 TODAY'S RACES: Kookaburra II v Australia IV: Kookaburra II v Australia IV: Kookaburra II v Australia IV: Kookaburra III v A

Crusader breezes into legal scuffle

through the courts in New York if necessary." Since the Deed of Gift was drawn up and sub-Fremantle — The British challenge are preparing themselves for possible protests and legal action from rival syndicates following the admission that they have fabricated at least part of a keel for the next round robin in Australia (Keith Wheatley writes). One view pass this outside the Deed of Gift was drawn up and subsequently amended in New York, the relevant authority to interpret it is the Supreme Court of New York. Other syndicates may well be reluctant to take this trouble and expense but it is by on means certain.

The New Zealand skipper, Chris Dickson, gave a blunt warning in Cudmore of what his team thinks. "The rules are very obvious, Harold," he said at a post-race oews conference.

ton. "We're not saying exactly what." Crusader's skipper, Harpost-race oews conference.

what." Crusader's skipper, Harold Cudmore, said that the
syndicate had taken extensive
advice and were 'relaxed' about
the position and possible challenges. The relevant clause allows one in work on a keel in a
foreign country but not build a
new one.
"If somenoe wants to protest
against us let them go ahead."
Cudmore said. "It's a matter
that needs clarification. It could
sides are to a certain extent. sides are, to a certain extent.

that needs clarification. It could be brought quite quickly bluffing. ICE HOCKEY

Flyers seek final form By Norman de Mesquita

advantage in playing Durham Wasps in Edinburgh. There can be no such accusations this year. If asked to name the wiocers While the International Olympic Committee might not consider Birmingham a suitable

venue, an increasing oumber of domestic sports are turning to the National Exhibition Centre and, this weekend, ice hockey is added to the list.

The final of the Norwich

The final of the Norwich Union Cup between Fife Flyers and Nottingham Panthers faces off at two o'clock immorrow afternoon, and it represents both a boost in the cup and an exciting new departure for the

in past seasons, the final has been played at one of the premier division rinks, but this has inevitably led to criticism. Although Murrayfield Racers proved their success in the Norwich Union Cup last season the provent of the beautiful the property of the beautiful the beauti was no fluke by winning the Heineken championships at Wembley in April, it was suggested that they had an untold

If asked to name the woods three weeks ago, there would have been no hesitation in suggesting Fife. They carried all before them in the Scottish qualifying group, while Nottingham were beaten by two Division One sides, Lee Valley and Telford. But the Flyers have lost their way since the league started, suffering three successive de-feats and scoring only 12 goals in those three games. Panthers,

on the other hand, have run into form and won their last nine If Dave Stoyanovitch regains

his scoring touch, Fife can still win. Fred Perlini is similarly a key player for the Panthers. The most important thing is that advance sales are good

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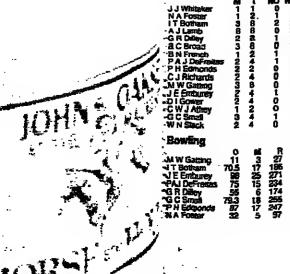
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Colourless pursuit

of former glories

By Gerald Davies

respond with our own version of

The strip of water is there to

tionally, through their veins. What might be expedient for one team is not necessarily true

of another whose personality and substance differs. The French once appeared to be able to do with the ball as they wished, mesmerise their opponents and enchant the viewer. It

They did not ignore the more absolute necessities at forward. They have, after all, been pretty rugged there in their time. But their means were always geared

They ran and changed direction at will. Perhaps a little more control was necessary at times. Yet, they now appear to suffer from too much government; the

freedom to express themselves is kept strictly under control until such time, usually late in

the game, when the forwards have achieved a superiority. Elsewhere, it is a defensive

Charvet, initially, and Codornion, as a result, find it

Alain Carminati, the Beziers

No 8, has become the second-

player to withdraw through injury from the French side to play New Zealand at Names tomorrow. This brings to five the number of changes France

have made since last weekend's
19-7 defeat in Toulouse.
Carminati left the field
shortly after the interval in that

match with blumed vision after a clash of heads with Scan

Fitzpatrick, the New Zealand, hooker, it is not the huge lump

Laurent Rodriguez moves from flanker to fill the No. 8

Back row

Ulster's

big worry

Only one problem faces the Ulster selectors when they meet

Ulster selectors when they meet to morrow to choose the side to play Leinster at Ravenhill a week later with the inter-provincial title at stake: the composition of the back row.

And if the selectors were normal, logical thinking men there would be no problem. But this present crop seem obsessed with the idea of playing a world-

this present crop seem obsessed with the idea of playing a world-class blind-side wing forward, Philip Matthews, in the middle of the back row to the exclusion of David Morrow, at tried and proven number eight of outstanding ability. This ploy enables them to play Willie Duncan at number six.

Duncan, is an admirable player who won two caps in 1984 against Wales and England; fearless, tremendously strong and who never gives less than 101 per cent. But he does

than 101 per cent. But he does not have Matthew's pace on the flank nor does he possess the flair of the Wanderers man.

By George Ace.

Carminati latest

French casualty

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

on his forchead which prevents last week, mainly to do with him from winning a third cap but a thigh injury. A similar injury forced Patrick Esteve out systemay with other sudependent companies.

position and Dominique to screen the match.

to a running attack.

difficult to get a place. To those in Toulouse, it is they who should form the centre pairing

and with a shortage of wingers, Sella and Bonneval should be

moved further out. All this from Toulouse, is speculation

But the defensive attitude is confirmed in that curious factic

of getting the scrum half, Berbizier, to throw in at the lineout and to place the booker,

Dubroca, at scrum half. The

reasoning ought to be that, in

reasoning ought to be that, in order to ensure as far as possible that France gains possession, they use their most accurate man to throw in. But Berbizier is not especially gifted in this

In which case, the determining factor for Fouroux, the coach, is that Dubroca, the

coach, is that Dabroca, the heavier and more powerful man, should tighten things up at this set piece. This is the only apparent advantage. There is nothing much else he can do. In all other respects — kicking, passing, running and tactics which arise from these. — Berbizier must be the superior

From what should be a source of useful possession from which to determine the manner of play, Lescarboura, the stand-off half, has a player inside him who is not capable of giving him the kind of service he deserves.

and which imposes severe

limitations on the team as a

The overall attitude is domi-

nated by the class of '77 when France won the grand slam with

a formidable pack of giants. Of that terrific team, Bastiat, Cholley, Romeu, Bertranne and

Fouroux, then captain, are on

the present selection panel of nine. The ambition is to re-

capture the influence of that

team - but France are attempting to do so without the same

Carminati's replacement last week is brought into the team. His place as a replacement goes to the uncapped Toilouse captain, Karl Janik.

HTV Wales, who covered last week's game live, decided yes-

week's game live, decloral yea-tenday to repeat the exercise in Nantes. They do not have viewing figures yet for the Toulouse match but they feel it

game and not the other, despite sechnical problems encountered last week, mainly to do with quality of sound and timing.

ined the same from To louse -- to see how many wished

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Unbeaten

record

preserved

By Michael Stevenson

Two distinguished men of rugby, John Willcox, the former England full-back and Brian Ashton, recently retired from his post as England's assistant coach, met on the tonch-line at

Stonyhurst on Wednesday, where Ampleforth, coached by Willcox, just managed to maintain their unbeaten record.

The teams were more than a little overawed by the occasion and a rather disappointing contest resulted in a 13-13 draw with both sides well aware that

they could have played better. Probably a draw was a fair

result.

Christian Brothers' College,
Monkstown Park, on the outskirts of Dublin, had an enjoyable and successful short tour of
the Liverpool area, where they
defeated St Mary's, Crosby, (153) and in the annual fixture
against St Anselm's, Birkenhead, who are coached by the
former England player. Martin

head, who are coached by the former England player, Martin Regan, they won (20-4).

Stowe's northern tour yielded a victory over Barnard Castle (12-3), a drawn match with Kelvinside Academy (7-7) and, their first defeat of the season (10-4), inflicted by Fettes, whose pack proved too strong. The nearest that Stowe had come to loosing prior to this was their 14-13 win against Radley and their equally tratsmatic 7-6 away

their equally traumatic 7-6 away win against Oakham

and opinion.

Statistics show fine line between pain and gain

Anders Forsbrand, of Swe-pared with Parkin's 29.11. den, finished the 1986 European golf season £48,800 richer than Philip Parkin, of Wales, all because he hit one extra green per round in

That conclusion can be drawn from the Philips performance statistics issued following the most comprehensive survey of European golf ever conducted. Moreover it reflects how the line between success and failure on an increasingly competitive circuit is now even slimmer than the balata skin of a golf ball.

Forsbrand and Parkin, who were both born in 1961, each made significant progress in hul whereas this year Forsbrand, with winnings of £84,706, climbed from 34th to eighth in the Epson Order of Merit, Parkin (£35,905) slipped from 32nd to 33rd.

Yet the astonishing assessment is that Parkin's progress would have been as electrifying as that of Forsbrand if he had managed to hit the target once more often each round with possibly no more than a seven iron in his hand.

The statistics comprise five categories and Parkin finished sixth in the "driving distance" department with an average of 268 yards — two yards ahead of Forshrand. Neither Parkin nor Forshrand can draw any confidence from their accuracy marks in the "fairways hit" category as they tied for 65th place with 50 per cent. managing to stray into the rough as often as they remained on the straight and narrow. And it was from off the fairway that Forsbrand's marginally better performances dramatically changed his income so catapulting him into most observer's minds as a potential candidate for next year's European Ryder cup

Forsbrand managed a 66 per cent strike rate in the greens hit in regulation" category against Parkin's 59 per cent and that apparently minor difference in their games is responsible according to the statistics for their vastly contrasting earning

saves" and his putting average were the leaders of the respective categories.



Forsbrand: fortunate. Philips performance statistics

BOWLS

Wood chases title

in Belgium in August. The test terday and Peter Charles, the showed positive procaine, a horse's rider, is currently

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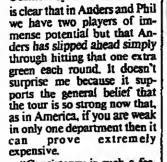
own national title.
Wood is favourite to beat Auchinleck's Neil McGhee to reach the final, where his oppo-nent could well be David liam Wat Gourlay junior, if Prestwick. Kilbride,

The FEI (Fédération Equestre Internationale), show jumping's ruling body, announced yes-terday that a positive medica-

tion control test was made on Cecil Williams' April Sun, one

of Britain's top Showjumpers at

the Liege Nations Cup meeting



"Consistency is such a fea ture of success in golf. You have only to look at the statistics and there are glaring examples of why a player should not have enjoyed a more successful year.

"Nick Faldo has changed his swing, for the better he thinks, yet he figures low in all the categories except sand saves and putting in which he is first and second respectively. Yet he still claims that it is his short game he must

"Bul Sam Torrance is well aware that putting is his problem so he will be in full preement with the statistics. He was joint first in greens in distance, 12th in fairways hit 23rd in sand saves but 50th in the putting category. He didn't win because he had two putts per round more than Mark Mouland who led that category"

The statistics were com-piled with the assistance of PGA European Tour volunteers at events in Britain and on the continent and the players were monitored throughout their rounds although it proved imprac-ticable as far as driving distance was concerned, to measure more than two fairways each round.

Peter Senior, of Australia, (driving distance - 272 yards), John Bland, of South Africa (fairways hit - 80 per cent) Sam Torrance and Bland (greens in regulation - 72 per cent), Faldo (sand saves - 81 Forsbrand was only six per cent) and Mouland places above Parkin in "sand (putting - 28.53 per round)



DRIVING DISTANCE: 1, P Sentor, 272
yards; 2, S Bollesteros, 270, J Woosnam,
270; 4, P Thomas, 269, Greg Turner, 269;
6, P Parkin, 266; 7, S Torrance, 267; 8, A
Forsbrand, 256; 9, C Moody, 264; 10, B
Lane, 263.
T Webber 77; 3, V Somers 76; 4, O Smyth
74; 5, I Balest-Frich 73, M McLan 73, K
Herbrann 73, A Garrido 73, K Waters 73;
10, O Selberg 72, M McNutly 72.
GREENS IN REGULATION; 1, S Torrance
72, J Bland 72; 3, J M Carizzares 70, C

Willie Wood will be trying to forget his disappointment in the CTS UK singles when he attempts today to win the Scottish title 1a Special Correspondent writes). Wood has won a Commonwealth Games gold medal and a world championship silver but has never achieved what might seem to be the more modest objective — his own national title.

Scotland's world pairs team in 1984. Gourlay, aged 21 and the Scottish junior champion, has to beat Leslie Smith (Newton Stewart) 10 reach the final.

In the junior event, the charismatic Richard Corsie, aged 19, of Edinburgh, meets Frank McCartney, aged 27, of trvine. Both have woo the event before, in the other semi-final, Hugh Duff, the 23-year-old from Auchinleck, plays against William Watson, aged 18, of East Kilbride.

SHOW JUMPING

April Sun yields positive drug test

antibiotics because of a poi-

The matter is being considered by the FEI Judicial Committee. Mr Williams was not available for comment ves-

The Times referred to matches played on Saturday 1st November. These dividends were in fact for matches played on Saturday 8th November.



Ton Pentre Player exchange deal urged plan City by Yugoslavia's ton coach by Yugoslavia's top coach take-over

For somebody whose country consistently produces some of the world's most adroit players, Miljan Miljanic, Yagoslavia's national coaching director, is ancouragingly eathnsiastic about the values and quality of the English game.

By Paul Newman

biggest club, nor the best team competing in the first round of

the FA Cup tomorrow, but if they lose away to Ton Pentre they will be victims of surely one of the most remarkable

giant-killing acts in the competition's history.

The contrast between the two could hardly be greater. Cardiff, the former first division club

and FA Cup winners, against the side from a Rhoodda Valley

vitlage with a population of

his colleagues come from surrounding villages. Three, however, make the journey from Cardiff for each match.

Four of the team have had experience with League clubs and by a strange coincidence Garreth Bees and Phil Green, who between them have scored 31 goals in 16 games this season, recently had trials with Cardiff.

The manager, Des Bartle, who lives less than two miles from the ground, used to play for Ton Pentre and is in his second season in charge. He is realistic about his team's chances against

about his team's chances against Cardiff. "Looking at it logically they should heat us comfortably." he said. "But we've raised our game in the Cup this season, we have home advantage and on the day anything is possible."

anything is possible.

Ton Pentre's average league gate is around 300, but 500 turned up last week and 730 saw the last cup game. Their Ynys Park ground has a capacity of 6,000 and some 600 seats, but tomorrow's gate has been limited to 2,700 by police request.

By a remarkable coincidence, the local rugby club, Treorchy, whose ground is only a mile

treated with the antibiotic sev-

but still have traces of the substance because horses elimi-

nate these drugs at different

April Sun, an eight-year-old

gelding, made a dramatic return to top class show jumping this summer after being injured on the boat to Sweden for the World Cnp final in April.

If the horse is disqualified

FA CUP

"The difference is that English players are so fast and energetic, but think too little, while we think about the game intelligently but are indecisive," he said at lunchtime on Wednesday. day. It was a fairly precise analysis of what was to happen at Wembley a few hours later when England's characteristic determination overcame Yugoslavia's intelligence give or take some gratituous fouls by

Miljanic is going to propose to Bobby Robson that the top 30 juniors in Yagoslavia should have an exchange deal with the FA's clite school at Lilleshall: a munth's exclusive English coaching for the Yugoslav boys and the opposite for the English in Yugoslavia.

m Yagoslavia.

A further suggestion is that all English and Yagoslav first division clubs should have home-and-away friendly matches in August to maintain European contact during England's exclusion. "There is no problem between our supporters," be

Twice the national manager for the World Cup, in 1974 and lem is that they are not relaxed players produce great 1982, and oatstandingly professional enough."

successful with Red Star and then Real Madrid before a spell in Kuwait, Miljanic has one of the most fertile of coachin

The most damaging aspect of the contemporary pressures of commerce and over-competition, he says, is that there is no longer he says, is that there is any role-model of excellence, at club or national level, as was formerly created by Honved or Hungary, Santos or Brazil, Real Madrid and Beafica, Ajax or The Netherlands, Bayern or West Germany, at which the rest can aim.

Big decline sets in after World Cup

The pressures are such nowadays that no team can sustain, or even repeat once, a major achievement," Miljanic says. "Only Liverpool have been able to do this. Last season Juventus lost to Barcelong, already Steams have lost this season, and Barcelona nearly went out to an Albanian best national team, yet they weekend. And if he does not lost in Mexico to Belgium. have a free day, a weekend, he

He points nut that most great contemporary players tend to decline after a successful World Cup campaign: Breitner after 1974 (with Real when Miljanic was manager), Kempes after 1978 (Valencia were relegated), Rossi after 1982 (dropped from the Juventus team), Maradona this year (Naples eliminated

from European competition).

Miljanic believes that had Cesar Menotti, Argentina's manager, not kept the youthful genius of Maradona out of the winning 1978 team, against public clamour — thereby protecting him from pre-mature exposure — Maradona would not have survived to lead Argentina, successfully, in a third World Cup finals

campaign this year. For many of the leading players, football now comes secund to commercial interests," Milianic says. "Puma or Coq Sportif comes first. There is so much demand on a player's time, from comthat he does not have a free team. Russia are probably the day in the whole week, no

Mexican formula

Rome (Reuter) — The much-criticised formula of this year's World Cup finals in Mexico, including penalty shootouts to settle drawn matches, is likely to survive unchanged for the 1990 competition in Italy, International Federation of Football Associations (FIFA) secretary Joseph

He added that the knock-out system of the final rounds was regarded by FIFA as fundamental to a cup competition.

Italian organisers are proposing 12 sites, including the Sicilian and Sardinian capitals of Palermo and Cagliari, for venues Turin, home of Juventus and Torino, has plans for a new stadium, and the Olympic Stadium in Rome needs to be enlarged. Other venues proposed by the organisers were Milan, Genoa, Verona, Udine, Bologna, Florence, Naples and Bari. Extensive work was needed to bring most stadiums up to

Organisers revealed the mascot, a stylised player in red, white and green made from the letters of the word "Italia".

to be retained

standard.

Striking figure: Stunned silence attended the unveiling of Italy's 1990 World Cnp mascot, pictured above. Chance for Barnet to go top again

Non-league football by Paul Newman

away, are playing Cardiff tomor-row in the Schweppes Welsh Cup. Local police resources, bearing in mind the hooligan element among City's followers, will be stretched to the limit.

While the attention of most non-League followers will be focused on the FA Cup tomorrow. Barnet will be hoping to rather see Barnet playing in the While the attention of most non-League followers will be focused on the FA Cup tomorrow. Barnet will be hoping to steal a march on their rivals and return to the top of the GM Vauxhalt Conference Table by winning away to Dagenham.

Barnet recently had a run of seven games without a win, but such was their form in the early weeks of the season that they are still only one point behind the

Barnet's loss of form coincided with a series of injuries which deprived them of up to
five players, but only Gary
Roberts and Keith Alexander
are likely to be absent tomorrow. Barnet entertain Laton.
Town on Monday in a testimonial for Steve Mahoney.

Tony Evans, the former Cardiff City and Birmingham City diff City and Birmingham City forward, has joined Stafford Rangers from Walsall.

EUNOPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP: Group One: Spain 1, Romans 0. SHTERNATIONAL MATCH: Poland 1, Republic of Instand 0.

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Northwich Victoria 3.
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford 1, Leeds
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RUGBY UNION

WOMEN'S HOCKEY British squad count injuries

The Great Britain squad will be training at Lilleshall this weekend, but without the England player Vickey Dixon. She is unfil after a car accident at the weekend. weekend (Joyce Whitehead writes).

Also missing are Joan Dobie (Scotland), who is having checks on a knee injury, Susan Waiters (Wales), who is ill, and Margaret Medlow, the Welsh captain, who has retired from the squad.

After this weekend, the squad rest until February 5-6, when the members will be reassessed so that those not needed are free to play for their countries.

Thus the cost of entry into the Olympics becomes more apparent. All three home countries agreed to the undertaking but now England will play the USA at Wembley Stadium next March with possibly only three of last year's eleven available.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS RICHARD PARK CHI Service cross country championships Men (filed): 1, P Custin (Dept of Employment), 31mm 7 sec. 2, S Federing (enland Revenue), 31.20; 3, P Steerning (Dept of Employment), 31.30; 3, P Steerning (Dept of Employment), 31.30; 3, P Steerning (Dept of Employment), 21.25; 4 miand Revenue, 37; 3 DHSS, 7; Women (Steer); 1, S Jerries (DHSS), 21.08; 2, S Astery (DHSS), 20.18; 3, N Felother (interno Revenue), 2; 25; Team: 1, DHSS, 9; 2; Interno Revenue), 1; 3, Dept of Employment, 30; 30; 16; 50; 2; 5 asset (Employment, 30; 3); 8 Watson (RAF St Ament, 50; and 16; 50; 2; 5 asset (Endgovo), 50; 23; 3, R Watson (RAF Cottlessnore), 50; 24, Team: 1, FAF Watsonern, 10; 13; penecillin by-product. The competing with April Sun in the horse had been treated with British team in Toronto. Mr Sam Hignett, a British vet who acts as foreign veterinary delegate at several international shows, points out that it is possible for a horse to have been eral days before the competition

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NEA): Boston Ochics 124. Milmoulee Bucks 115: Debtor Postons 108. Prodinct Suns 109. Washington Bullets 101. Chicago Bullet 99. Dallas Maverticks 114. Houston Rockes 25; Sacamento Kings 110. Deriver Nuggets 108. Los Angeles Lalviers 122. Seet Buggeroomes 97. 97.
UNITED STATES: CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Draper Tools Solent Sars 112, Leicoster Riders 104; Portsmouth FC 113, Brimmphan Burles 91.
BRITISH MASTERS CUP: Regional round: ECP London 114. CBS Centurios Colonester 79.

VOLLEYBALL KOBE: Japan Cap (men's): United States 3, Sweden 1112-7, 12-4, 11-12, 12-6; USSR 3, South Korea 6 (12-5, 12-4, 12-6), Japan 3, Owns 1 (12-5, 12-4, 10-12, 12-5); Brazil 3, Canada 6 (12-3, 12-4, 12-4).

ICE HOCKEY MORTH AMERICA: National League (HRL):
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New York Ranger 2, Buffale Salmes 1 (of);
Pétisburgh Penguins 2, Boston Brusis 1;
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2 (of); St. Louis Blues 4, Toronto Miglie Laists
2; Harriory Whaters 4, Vancouver Canadies 3.

RUGBY UNION TENNIS

CYCLING PARIS: Paris-Sercy sonday race, first day leading standings: 1, 8 Vallet/D Clark (Fr/fus), 23 pts. 2, F Messar/G Sonlearing to one kap behind, 22 8, 6 Ductos-Lassdie/D Garea (Fr) one kap behind, 21 4, U Freuder/D Gargar (Switt Gras kap behind, 18; 5, R Fynan/P Caractina (Neithfr) one kap, 12 8, C Modes/Tony Doyle (Fr/GR) one lets, 11.

flair of the Wanderers man. Meanwhile, Leinster have recalled Francis and Kearney to the pack after injury. Francis replaces John Collins in the second row while Kearney takes over on the flank from Ryan. LENSTER: H MecNett (London Irist); J Seaton (Tricty), B Media (Oxford University), A Ward (Greystones), P Heycock (Tenenum); P Dean (St Mary's), A Doyle (Graystones, captain); P Ort (Old Westey), if Harbison (Bactive Rangers), O Fizzgarald (Lansdowne), J Glosson (Skeries), N Francie (Blackrock), R Keerney (Wanderers), O Faxolog (St Mary's). WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Getting over a delusion of royalty

 Much water, passing uoder many bridges, has swept away the excessive deference with which film and television cameras once prested our royalty, and it is the steps by which a more sensible attitude wa, arrived at that provide the stuff of The Story of Royal Broadcasting, (BBC1, 9.30pm), the latest of BBC Televisioo's self-congratulatory 50th birthday documentaries. To realise just how work the stuff of th realise just how much things have changed, you only have to remem-ber that back in 1922, wheo Priocess Mary was married, the newsreels showed oo more of her than a flicker as she went by in her coach. Compare that with Princess of Wales's wedding when the cameramen were so close that they practically trod on the train of her dress, or the oight when Selina Scott, in Wogan, tried to get Prince Andrew to spill the beans about his "Randy Andy" so-

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CHOICE briquet. But whereas it took a long

time for the BBC high-ops to relax the rigidly correct relationship they had with the Royal Family, the democratic process had long been at work lower down the social scale. There is a reminder tonight of the malapropian BBC engineer, R H Wood, who treated George VI and Queen Elizabeth like old chums. So much so that when the Queen suggested that some changes might be made in the King's script, Wood told her that the monarch had buttered his bread and must lie on it. Scattered throughout Maryse Addison's film are piquant illustrations of what David Jessel, in his commentary, calls the BBC's delusions of royalty. During the last two days of the Abdication crisis for example, nothing went out except solemn music.

• Just Another Day (BBC2, 9.00pm), Roger Mills's film about John Pitman's visit to the exterior and interior sets of BBC Television's EastEnders, is an exercise in demythologization. The daffodils io Albert Square

were only plastic, and the hulge which, oo screen, indicated that young Michelle was heavily preg-nant, turned out to be the clever lump of muslin and foam padding that was hanging up in her wardrobe. Such revelations should not seriously disturb you if you are addicted to EastEnders because you will still continue to swallow the fantasy — hook, line, and sinker. And, thanks to newspapers like the Sun, there is little the actors interviewed tonight can tell you about their real lives which you did oot already know. Whether the intention behind Just Another Day was to boost the EastEnders viewing figures even

higher than their present sensa-tional levels, I cannot tell. But the BBC's publicity machine is getting so well oiled that I have just been sent a video cassette packed with EastEnders scenes including the birth of a baby to Michelle — a creature of flesh and blood, oot a thing of foam and muslin Radio choice: BBC Radio's Russian season, which is offering a staggering range of programmes, continues tonight with Natalia Gutman as soloist in the BBC Philharmonic performance of Prokofiev's Symphooia Prokofiev's Symphooia concertante for cello and orchestra (Radio 3, 7.30pm). On the lighter side, there is a full-bloodied production of Vladimir Arro's

Peter Davalle



EastEnders gardener Dick Lee and John Pitman: Just Another Day, BBC2,9.00pm

5.00 Ceefax AM.
5.30 The Flintstones. Cartoon series. (r) 5.55 Weather.
7.00 Breekfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; regional news and freffic 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; negional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45, 8.15 and 8.45; weather at 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55.

9.05 Sweet FA. A 40 Minutes documentary profile of the all-girl singing/songwriting trio, Fascinating Alda. (r) 9.45 Advice Line, Paul Clark and Elleen Evason with the answers to social security queries 10.00 Neighbours. (r) Phillip Schofield with news of children's television

programmes, and birthday programmes, and birthday greetings 10.30 Play School. (r) 10.50 Henry's Cat (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Alan Bennett with a thought for the day 11.00 Public School. Part three of the series profiling the staff and pupils of Radley features the Warden, or headmaster. Dennis Silk. (r) headmaster, Dennis Silk, (r) 11.30 Open Air, Viewers comment on television

programmes. Birdweek. From the Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge, Sir Peter Scott and Chris Packham choose their favourite bird films. 12.55 Regional news and weather.

weather.

1.00 News with Martyn Lewis.
Weather. 1.25 Neighbours.
Weekday soap set in a
Malbourne suburb 1.50 King
Rollo. (r) 1.55 Gran, narrated

by Patricia Hayes. (r)
2.00 The Liver Birds. Sandra, after
reading snippets of Bertrand
Russell, decides to do something for humanity, despite Beryl's protestations. (r) 2.30 Knots Landing.

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3.20 Box Clever, A femily quiz presented by Emlyn Hughes.
3.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set. (r) 4.00 Philomeon. The first of a new series about a white kitten.

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4.10 SuperTed. (r) 4.15
Odysseus the Graetest Hero
of Them All. Part two of Tony
Robinson's tales from Graek
mythology 4.30 A Day in the
Life...The first of a new series
of real-life animal adventures The Kestrel's Tale, with the
voices of Roger Daitrey,
Twiggy, and Anthony
Valentine.
4.55 John Craven's Newsround
5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 12.
(r) (Ceefax) 5.35 Mastertaem.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and
Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Pise.
7.00 Wogan. Guests are Catherine
Oxenberg, from Dynesty; Miss
World; Pat Kerr, a British
Ainways stewardass who cares
for Bangladeshi orphans; and
Val Doonican. Music is from
Ultravox and The Chieffains.

Val Doonican, Music is from Ultravox and The Chieflains. 7.35 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson's guests this week are Floelia Benjamin, Barry Cryer, Janny Hanley, Tom O'Connor, Greg Rogers, and Dinah Sheridan.

8.10 Dynasty. This final episode of the series finds Sammy Jo and Amanda in the swimming pool. And what will Blake do when ha reads the news headlines? And what is Alexes planning in

order to wreak revenge?.
(Ceefax)
9.00 News with John Humphrys and
Andrew Harvey, Regional
news and weather.

The Story of Royal

Broadcasting. A look back at
50 years of BBC coverage of
royal occasions, written and
narrated by David Jessel. (see Choice)
10.35 Opinibus. To coincide with the first major Rodin exhibition for

16 years, a profile of the life and work of the sculptor and work of the sculptur
described by some as the
'greatest since Michaelangelo'
'11.50 Bodyfine. Episode four of the
five-part dramatization of the
infamous 'bodyfine' tour of
Australia by the MCC in
1932/33. (r) (Ceefax)

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A detail from Auguste Rodin's famous statue The Kiss: It is featured in the Omnibus film about Rodin (BBC1, 10.35pm)

BBC 2 9.00 Coefax.
9.35 Daytime on Two: eating and drinking in Germany 9.57 Part five of the story about a girl who betriends a badger 10.15 The Vikings of Scotland 10.38 Mathematical investigations 11.00 Wondermeths. 11.17 Agriculture in East Anglia.
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Agriculture in East Anglia.

11.40 Living things as inspirations for art projects 12.00 The power of language 12.32 A young man leaves Beitsst to live in London 1.05 Learning English by watching popular television programmes 1.33 The biotschnology business.

2.00 You and Ma. (r)

2.15 Tenals and Racing. Barry Davies introduces coverage of the Benson and Hedges

the Benson and Hedges
Champlonships from Wambley
Arene; Julian Wilson la at
Ascot for the 2.40, 3.10, and
3.40 races. 3.55 Regional news

4.00 Pamela Armstrong. The guests are Richard Branson and Chay Blyth.
4.30 International Tennia. Further coverage of the Benson and

coverage or the senson and Hedges chempionships from Wembley Arena.

5.25 Film: Hendford's Point (1970) starring Lassie. Two young children who live in a take-aide cabin betriand Lassie and come to her rescue when she is trapped in a mine-shaft.
Directed by Jack B Hiveley.
6.35 Cricket: First Test. Highlights

of the first day's play in the match at Brisbane between Australia and England.
7.00 Micro Live includes advice for the small businessman

contemplating using a computer.

7.30 Choir of the Year 1986. Choirs from Scotland sing for the three remaining quarterlinal places at Hopetown House,

piaces at Hoperown House, Edinburgh, 8.00 CD — Beyond the Law. Glyn Worship investigates the abuses of diplomatic immunity. 8.30 Gendeners' World. This finel programme of the series, from Barnsdele, features some of the important tasks to be completed before the cold

weather arrives.

9.00 Just Another Day. John
Pilman returns with another series beginning with a look at what life is like on the set of S.40 ScreenPlay: Drums Along
Balmoral Drive, by Douglas
Livingstone. Colin Blekely and
Roward Cooper star in this
draws shout a married course. drama about a married couple

with life under a black regime.

valuable stolen diamond. (r) Ends at 1.25.

10.50 Newsnight, 11.35 Weather, 11.40 International Tensis. Highlights of this evening's matches in the Benson and Hedges Championships. 12.35 The Rockford Files. Jim Rockford thinks he has an easy task when asked to negotiate the return of a

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.35 Schools: children's ideas of those who need help 9.47 How Wa Used to Live: The

proposed wedding.

Wa Used to Live: The Chidren's Charter 10.09 Junior maths 10.26 Science: lighter than air 10.48 A 13-year old girl is pressured to marry 11.15 Preparing for a Christmas pupper play 11.27 How the arrival of twins affects a family 11.44 Adapting to the elements. 12.00 Flicka, (r) 12.10 Reinbow.

Learning with puppets. 12.30 New way of Living, the first of a new series about people who have taken up a second career, Jenni Milis meets a former oil company executive who is now living on a remote island off west Weles; and a mother who has created an exclusive fashion design

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin 1.20 Themes news. 1.30 Film: Measter Spy* (1962)
starring Stephen Murray.
Thriller about a defecting
Russian nuclear scientist who
is suspected of being 6 'plant'.
With June Thornton and Alan
Wheelieu Phonnand by Wheatey, Directed by Mortgomery Tully, 3.00 Take the High Road 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and

augisters. 4.00 Rainbow, A repeat of the programma shown at 12.10 4.15 The Telebuge 4.25 inspector Gadget. The first of a new series of cartoon misadventures of a bungling detection 4.50 Workhalism detective 4.50 Worldwi Geography quiz presented by David Jensen. (Oracle)

5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness. 5.45 News with Alastair Stewart. 5.00 The 6 O'Clock Show

presented by Denny Baker.

7.00 Bruce Foreyth's Play Your
Cards Right, Game show,

7.30 New Faces of 86, Telent show
presented by Marti Caine, The

ITV/LONDON non-voting judges are Margaret Forwood, Barry Cryer, and Berbere Windsor. 8.30 The Two of Us. Domestic comedy series starring Nicholes Lyndhurst and Janet

Nicholas Lyndhurst and Janet
Dibley. (Oracia)

9.00 Lost Empires. Julie takes a
love nest in Shepherd's
Market; Richard looks for
Nancy; and Uncle Nick
searches for another dwarf.

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall
and Alastair Stewarf.

10.30 The London Programme
presented by John Taylor.
Tonight's edition examines the
problems surrounding Brent

problems surrounding Brent Council's enti-recist policies. Followed by LWT News headlines. 11.05 South of Watford, Hugh Laurie

introduces examples of the paintings and illustrations of The Urbanites.

11.35 International Heavyweight

11.35 International Heavyweight
Boxing. Joe Bugner versus
David Bey in Sydney. The
commentators are Reg
Guttenidge and Jim Watt.
12.05 Billy Crystal - Running
Scared. A portrait of the
American comedian.
12.35 Film: Grip of the Strangler*
(1958) starring Boris Karloff
and Jean Kent. A 19th century
novelist investigates the case

and Jean Kent. A 1stit Century novelist investigates the case of a man hanged for murder 20 years previously, and is convinced that he was innocent. Directed by Robert

2.00 Night Thoughts.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Olamond and Geoff Meade. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 8.55; cartoon at 7.25; pno 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 8.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.35. The After Nine guests include Russell Grant.



John Castle, right, selecting a dwarf for his magic act in this week's episode of Lost Empires (ITV, 9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 Their Lordships' House. A repeat of last right's highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords.
2.30 Gellery. Art quiz presented by George Meily. Frank Whitford and Maggi Hambling are joined by Sir Michael Levy and Adrian Henri. The student panelists are Catherine Goodman and

Henri. The student panelists are Catherine Goodman and Kevin Carmody. (r)

3.00 A Pair of Shoes. A comedy drama, in Welsh, about two Welsh boys on a hiking trip in tha West of Ireland, during which they experience for the first time the illegal braw, poteen. Starring Dyfan Roberts and Tom Richmond. English subtitles.

4.00 World of Animation. A comedy from Russia, How tha Cossacks Played Football.
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the words and numbers gama is challenged by lan Robertson from North

Wingfield, Chesterfield. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster, assisted by Bill Tidy, adjudicating. 5.00 Cer 54, Where Are You?

5.30 The Tube. Among the guests are Heaven 17, Patti LaBelle, Madness, Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, and Scarlet Fantastic, Interviewed on film is Dave Lee Roth. 7.00 Channel 4 news with Peter

Sissons, Includes an interview in West Germany with Hamed Hasi, brother of Nazer Hindawi, who tried to bomb an El Al airline, Weather, 7.50 Book Choice, Moira Shearar, the former ballerina, reviews Michael Powell's memoirs, A

Life in Movies. 8.00 What the Papers Say, Paul Foot reviews how the Press has treated the week's news.

B.15 A Week in Politics, presented by Nick Ross, includes a report on Labour's 'social ownership'

policy; and enalysis of the Knowsley North By-election 9.00 Newhert American domestic comedy series, starring Bob 9.30 The Great Plant Collections.

Roy Lancaster visits Mount Stewart, a collection of gardens, many of them designed by Lady Londonderry. (r) (Oracle) 10.00 Golden Girls. Award-winning comedy series from the United

States about four middle-eged women who share a Florida coast house. (Oracle)
10.30 A Change of Mind. The first of a six-part series designed to take the mystique out of psychotherapy. (Oracle) 11.30 Film: Montenegro (1981)

Film: Montenagro (1981) starring Susan Anspech. A Special Discretion film about a bored Swedish housewife who finds excitement with a group of immigrant Yugoslav workers and a young lover. Directed by Dusan Makaveyev. Ends at 1,20.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 6.25pm-6.00 Water To-day, 6.35-7.00 Sportfolio, 1.20pm-1.25 News and weather, SCOTTLAND 10.50pm-11.00 Seal Seo. 6.35-7.00 Reporting Sociand, 10.35-71.50 Left, Right and Centre, 11.05-12.20pm Cernibus, Rodin 1840-1817, 12.29-1.30 Film; Visions of Death 1.20-1.25 Weather, NORTHERN RELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's sport 5.40-6.00 in-side Ulseer 6.35-7.00 Mesterbarn 1.20-1.25 News ENGLAND 8.35pm-7.00 Regional nows magazine.

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BBC2 WALES 8.30sm-8.55
Mastertagm. 8.55-9.00 interval.
10.15-10.38 Outcook: Farming Through the
Ages 8.00-8.30pm Pride of Pisce. SCOTLAND
2.15pm-3.55 Bowls and Racing. 4.30-8.25
Bowls 8.00-8.30 CD — Beyond the Liew.
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Words 3.00-3.30 Country QP 8.00 Channel Report 6.25 Jane's Diary 8.30-7.00 Country
Ways 10.30-11.30 Action on Drugs facing
South special 12.00 Kojak

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RadioS 5.25 Test Match Special: First Test. Australia v England. Until 7.35am 6.55 Weather. 7.00 News 7.05 Concert: Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5: Aston Magna Festival Ensemble), Mendelssofm (Songs without Words, Op 19 Nos 5 and 6:

Postnikova, plano), Brahms (Serenade No 2 in A, Op 15: LSO), 6.00 News 8.05 Concert (continued).

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wind southerly, with Ferrier,
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SO).9.00 News
9.05 This Week'e Composer:
Prokofiev. Cinq
melodies, Op 356 (David
Cistrakh, viofin and Frida
Bauer, piano), Sonata No 7
(Mickail Pietnev, plano),
Concertino, Op 132 (Lev
Yevgrafov, cello and
Moscow RSO)
10.00 English Chamber
Orchestra (under JoseLuis Garcia, violin), with
Usitian Bennett (futtel). Luis Garcia, violin), with William Bennett (flute). Whigh Benfatt (1009).
Soyee (Symphony No 3),
Amold (Flute Concerto
No 1), Mozart (Divertimen
in D), Schubert (Rondo in
A, D 438)

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10.55 Warlock and Anthony
Scott: Ian Partridge
(tenor), Jennifer Partridge
(plano). The Warlock
songs include The
frostbound wood, and
Sectional wood, and Rest sweet nymphs, and the Scott songs include Five Dylan Thomas songs, and Wriffred Owen songs. 11.40 Showers of Hermony: Dowland Consort, with Jakob Lindhart (Mal) and

Dowland Consort, with Jakob Lindbert (lute) and Colin Tarey (harpsichord). Dowland dances, light and grave 12.00 SBC Scottish SO in String (under Maksymuk). With Philip Fowke (plano). Part one. William Worsdsworth (Symphony No 8), Rachmaninov (Plano Concarto No 2). 1.00 News

News
1.05 Concert: part two, Grieg
(Hoberg suits), Sibelius
(Symphony No 7)
1.50 Marton Roscoa: piano
recital, Seethoven
(Sonata in E Op 109),
Schumann (Viar
Nachtstücke, Op 23), Liszt
(Ballade No 2), Wagner

(Liebestod, Tristen und Isolde, transcribed by 2.50 Georgy Svindov: Two songs from Pushkin'e Garland; music for Snow Storm, and Triptych from Little Sumphory, Moscow Chamber Chor/RSFSR Russian Academic Choir/Moscow RSO

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3.45 Ladies Lost and Found:
Terence Tiller's modern
English version of Chaucer's
The Book of the Duchess
and The House of Fame.
With Martin Jarvis as
Chauter Chaucer
4.00 Choral Vespers: from the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, in Liverpool, 4,55 News 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music

selection, presented by Paul Ruey
6.30 Spanish Chamber Music:
Mark Jackson
emangements of Granadoe's
Oriental, (12 Spanish
Dances No 2), and Sardana,
Op 37 No 2. Other works
include Falls's Psyche, and
Rodrigo'e Dos poemas.
With soprano Anna Steiger
and instrumentatists
7.10 City of Light: bird 7.10 City of Light: third programme about French popular songs of the Thirties. With Adrien

selection, presented by Paul

Rifkin. 7.30 BBc Philharmonic (under 7.30 BBc Phtharmonic (under Gunther Herbig), with Netalia Gutman (cafo). Part one. Proicoflev (Symphonia concertante for callo and orchestra)
8.10 What Books I Please: Samon Franklin, Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge, on Moscoviticarum Commentarii Rerum, by Sigismund von Herberstein 8.30 Concert (part two). 8.30 Concert (part two). Beethoven (Symphony

Beethoven (Symphony
No 3)
9.36 Five Songs in en Old
House: Peter Tegel's
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Vladimir Arro. With
James Grout, Eva Stuart,
Geoffrey Beevers,
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Experiences in the cast Prendergast in the cast 19.30 Arditti String Quartet: Beethoven (Grosse Fuge, Op 133), Bertok (Quartet No 1), Janacek (Quartet No 2) 11.57 News . Until 12.00 12.25 Test Match: second day of the First Test Australia v England. Ends 2.35am

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6.00 News; Financial Report.
6.30 Going Places. Clive
Jacobs and his team Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.50 Letters. 8.57 Weather: 7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week.
Margaret Howard with
highlights of the past week's
progremmes on BBC
radio and television. 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs.

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Kingsley Amis In conversation with Michael Parkinson (s) (r) 9.45 An Englishman'e Home. Margaret Howard visits Baroness Phillips of Fulham 10.00 News; International Assignment.BBC Correspondents report from

around the world.

10.30 Morning Story. Action by Len Delgitton. Reader: Garard Green Garard Green

10.45 Daily Service (New Every Morning, page 3) (s)

11.00 News; Traval. After tha Darkness, Light. Geneva — a reformed city (r). With Patrick Melahide as the French reformer. John Calvin. Presented by Derek Silson (r)

11.48 The Enchanted Canopy / new series) Andrew

(new series) Andrew Mitchell explores the remote world of the rainlorest

12.00 News; The Food Programme with Derek Cooper. Army catering. 12.27 Hoss! John Amie, Alfred Marks tell you the stories. Tim Brooke Taylor, you and the studio audience, have to try to spot the lie. 12.55 Weath 1.00 The World At One: News 1.40 The Archers. 1.55

Shipping 2.00 News, Woman's Hour. From Bristol, Includes an eight-part dramatization. With Hugh Dickson and Dominic Guard [r)(s)

4.05 The News Huddines. Roy Hudd with June Whitfield, Chris Emmett and The Huddfiners (r) 4.30 Kaleidoscope, A second chance to hear last night's edition. It included

comment on the re-opening of the Bradford Alhambra, an Interview

report on the general Syrood, by Rosemary Hartill 8.20 Law in Action with Joshua Rosemberg 8.45 Any Questions? with Nigel Lawson, MP (Chancellor of the (Chancestor of the Exchequer), Roy Jenkins, MP, Frances Morrell (leader of ILEA) and Ann Leslie (Journalist) From Oxted, Surrey. With John Timpson 9.30 Letter from America, by Allstair Cooke

8.05 The Week in Synod. A

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes a special feature on child special feature on child entertainers and children's books. There are interviews with, inter alia, Adrien Mitchell, Dominic Muldowney and Alan Ahlberg 10.15 A Book et Bedtime. A House for Mr Biswas by V S Naipaul (3), Read by Garard Green. 10.29 Weather

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England keep an open mind on their two spinners

The only surprise when England's choice for today's first Test match was announced vesterday afternoon was the inclusion, even among 12 players, of both Edmonds and Emburey. The pitch seemed green enough for one spinner, let alone two, to have to expect very little bowling. anyway early in the game.

None too soon, Gower had been co-opted on to the selection committee. From the day the party was announced it had seem unimaginative not to involve him in some such way. His experience alone equals that of the other four selectors - the captain, the vice-captain and the two managers - put together. Having been rejected, when he lost the captaincy, Gower was being made to feel it, and from what I hear it may have been starting to show.

The point about the spinners is best and most concisely illustrated by the bowling figures since the grass was left on the Woolloongabba pitch. In ordinary conditions I am all in favour of fielding a balanced attack but there can be no overlooking the fact that of the 233 wickets to have fallen on the ground in the last seven Test matches the spinners have claimed a mere 26.

Athey found himself as Broad's opening partner after only two first-class innings on the tour, in which he scored 18 and 0. At least, though, he made a hundred last week in a country game. DeFreitas and Richards were both awarded their first caps, Richards as much for his batting as his wicketkeeping, and DeFreitas because he has been the best. as well as the fastest, of the faster bowlers. Richards is 28 and DeFreitas only 20. The last Englishman to win his first cap when as young as 27 Tests. an astonishing

yesterday - and studiously

Botham was hard at work

during England's final prac-

tice before today's first Test against Australia. Roebuck, Somerset captain and part-

time writer for The Sunday

Times, chatted to several play-

ers but kept his distance from

Last weekend, Botham con-

firmed his intention to quit Sumerset over the Viv

Richards/Joel Garner affair -

and advised Roebuck against

trying to change his mind.
"I suggest he stays in
London, I think he will be

safer there," Botham said.

DeFreitas was Dilley, at Perth record for what were for so

Such ideas as putting Gower in first with Broad, as a means of including Whitaker, or of playing only four bowlers, also to fit Whitaker into the side, were not pursued, though Gatting himself was giving thought last night to batting at No. 3. Gatting said an open mind was being kept about the

should start in bright sun-shine, thus raising the chances of the ball turning after the weekend. England's last practice has, in fact, been rather abortive, overnight rain having done the net pitches no good. The batsmen in form steered clear of them, those out of touch felt frustrated. The impression was of a side badly in need of a

two spinners in case the match

England's choice B C Bried, C W J Aftey, O I Gower, A J Lamb, M W Gatting (captain), I T Botham, JE Embursy, P H Edmonds, G J Richards (wckettcaeper), P A J DeFrettas, O R Dilloy, G C Small.

good day.

But they were all fit for selection, which is not often so, even at the start of a Test series. There are a few niggles about, and a bruise or two, and Broad, has a slightly troublesome wrist; but everyone was hoping to be chosen, none more than Foster and French, who are fighting the feeling that they are getting a

Of the Australian side that lost to England in the sixth Test match at the Oval last year only Border, Ritchie and Lawson survived. But of their first six batsmen all have scored Test hundreds, as against four of England's.

For both teams it is a vital

"All I am concentrating on is

Roebnck, whn backed

Somerset's decision, said: "I

the Test match.

cricketing nations. It is not, I think, overstating it to say that in Australia the game of five-day Test cricket is fighting for its very life. Australians are fed up with losing.

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For the corresponding Test match last year, which was in its fifth day when New Zea-land won, the total attendance came to an embarrassing, nay alarming 16,044. Because England are the opposition, and in the fond hope of seeing the start of a new era, there will be more now. Heaven help us if

So the battle commences, and may it be a sporting one. Border has talked of "the verbal tete-a-tete" in Australia's recent series in India, especially during the tied Test match, as being unlike anything he had known before. His manager, Alan Crompton, admits, somewhat compromisingly, that the behaviour might not always have been acceptable "at other times in other places."
In the coming weeks there

will be some bad umpiring decisions. There invariably are, and that is not peculiar to Australia. But Gatting and Border know well enough what is expected of them and what they owe to a great tradition. Although Australia are made warm favourites, the side fielding first must have the better chance of winning if they bowl anything like decently.

Play starts at 12.30am London time, with a minimum of 90 overs to be bowled in a day, weather permitting. As dusk comes earlier here than in any of the other main Australian cities, bad light is seldom not a factor in a Brisbane Test match.

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Somerset pair keep Pakistanis are on their guard Iau Botham and Peter Roe- "Roebuck hasn't got in touch buck appeared on the same with me. I see no point in cricket ground in Brisbane talking to him," Botham said.

Sialkot (Reuter) - Pakistaní authorities yesterday acted to, thwart crowd trouble at the third one-day international against West Indies here today, following interruptions to the second one-day match.

have made no attempt to talk to Ian Botham. I wouldn't Apples and oranges have approach him on the eve of a been banned from the ground Test, but a meeting could to prevent the fruit being used happen in the future, particu-larly if he initiated it." as missiles, and spectators will also be searched for fire- Somerset have passed a vote of confidence in the secretary, crackers and soft drink bottles as part of a security operation, Tony Brown, following criti-cisus levelled at him during government officials said.

During the match at Gujranwala last week sections Saturday's special general meeting at Shepton Mallet. of the large crowd threw bottles on to the pitch as fading light halted play. Sub-sequently, West Indies won on The chairman, Michael Hill, said the secretary had unjustly criticised in Both men denied reports of public for implementing a planned afternoon meeting, committee decisions. a faster scoring rate to take a 2-



Pate through to quarter-finals

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

both.

Wembley, after all, is a hig

event, carrying \$300,000 (about £210,000) in prize

money. The organizers also

have to find three sums of

questionable ment: about £42,000 for the grand prix bonus pool, and £10,500 and £7,000 in "administration"

fees for the Association of

Tennis Professionals and the

grand prix council respec-

tively. Such huge costs deserve

a stronger line-up for the last eight than Wembley has to-day. Not that Pate and Pimek are bad players. Pate, who comes from Las Vegas and has

been coached by Pancho Gonzales, reached the semi-

finals last year. Pimek, a

Czechoslovak who lives in Antwerp, ranked 25th in the world at the end of 1984 but is now 50 places lower — and

Three months ago Pimak's

endorsement agreement ex-

pired. His agents could not

Pimek has been too busy to do

much about it himself. "When

you come to a tournament you

have to cover your travelling

expenses," he said yesterday, after having disposed of

Leconte's conqueror Amos Mansdorf "and if you don't

win two or three matches you

McEnroe has no such prob-

lems. On Wednesday evening

he played a listless match

against the fitter, stronger and

altogether more businesslike

Pat Cash. The resurgence of Cash - who reached the

Wimbledon and United States

semi-finals in 1984 and rose to

eighth in the world - is

exciting but not yet as pro-

nounced as a win over

McEnroe was embarrassed and apologetic about his performance. But after more

than six months out of the

game he has made an en-

couraging comeback since An-

McEnroe may suggest.

don't make any money."

David Pate will play Libor the system, the players, or Pimek in one of today's quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley. That sort of thing is happening because five players seeded to reach the last eight - notably Stefan Edberg, Henri Leconte and John McEnroe – were beaten in the first round. Grand prix tennis in November is like a golf course with tees placed in

. It may or may not be relevant that Edberg and probably Leconte can already look forward to a big pay-day at the Masters Tournament in New York pext month, whereas McEnroe is out of the running. Note, too, that Miloslav Mecir and Yannick Noah, two seeds who did make winning starts at Wembley, are still trying to make their Masters places

Motivation and fitness count for a lot at this time of year. Some players are doing little more than meeting their number of grand prix tournaments. In view of all that, November's grand prix results are not as surprising as many of them seem

During the first two days at Wembley only 52 per cent of the singles results confirmed the rankings. By contrast the figure for Antwerp a week earlier - in a tournament of distinctive character, outside the grand prix - was almost 61 per cent. The implication that Antwerp was more genuinely competitive may be mislead-ing, as statistics often are, but it seems reasonable to suggest that the customers at Wem-O lead in the five-match series. bley have been let down: by

> mate, scrum-half, Andy Gregory, the Hull Kingston Rovers forward, Chris Burton, and

the Widnes loose forward.

Bamford said yesterday:

Harry Pinner.

Robson prepared to stick by Wright

ing a case for and against Mark Wright, the villain in an otherwise beroic performance.

The prosecution won convincingly.

There could scarcely be any defence for the defender whose international career has been littered with errors. Yet England's manager is so committed to Wright, in spite of his wrongs, that it would be surprising if he is not retained for the next fixture, a friendly in Spain in February.

Robson's loyalty, as well as being misplaced, is puzzling. As he went through the details of the previous night at Wembley, he kept reminding himself of Wright's alarming series in the tackle. It is his judgeof mistakes. "He went in too
early when Vujovic broke
through in the ninth minute
and he left himself and us

arrowed."

acquate nearch and is strong
in the tackle. It is his judgement that is worrying. If he
gets that right, there will be no
problem."

exposed. sense of timing.

"He was at fault for not as a midfield. cutting out the cross when Hodge cleared off the line midway through the first half. He caused a flutter in everybody's hearts during the last half-hour when he had his name taken and we contrived to give them two clear openings through poor defensive

Zlatko Vujovic, the price Eng-land would have paid would almost certainly have been failure to qualify for the finals of the Championships. Enropean

That they escaped from a damaging defeat and held on bravely for a potentially decisive victory should not cloud Robson's vision. After all, he can see for himself the stitches. All we could do was solution to the central prob-lem that has always existed alongside the reliable Butcher,

gust, winning four tournaments and, in the pro-cess, 17 consecutive matches. Only five men have beaten Don Howe, England's coahim. Except for an eight-man event in Atlanta the week after next, McEnroe can now rest and "regroup" as he puts it until the Australian championships two months

Cash still has pressing busiess to attend to at Wembley He reached the last eight with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Sergio Casal of Spain in a match featuring the last two players to beat McEnroe. SECOND ROUND: 1. Pirock (Cz) bit Manadori (isr), 6-3, 6-3; P Cash (Aus) bt Casal (Sp), 6-3, 6-0.

SPORT IN BRIEF

bence.

Bobby Robson unwittingly put one of his own England European ban was imposed, is players on trial yesterday. In assessing the 2-0 victory over Yugoslavia on Wednesday night, he found himself argumout for technically gifted individuals. Robson pointed out that "our clubs are full of good, tall central defenders who are a little embarrassed when they have to come out and play with the ball".

The answer is to withdraw a midfield player who is not. Robson is far from being short of candidates. Either Bryan Robson, Stevens of Tottenham Hotspur or Mabbutt could fill the role and the game against the Spaniards provides an ideal opportunity to put the theory into practice. Instead, Robson is likely to

persist with Wright. "He has all the requirements," he said. "He has pace, is comfortable on the ball, is more than an adequate header and is strong

player who cannot control the ball or a forward who cannot shoot. Wright has been so consistently wild and rash since he made his debut 30 months ago that it would be unreasonably optimistic to expect him to learn the art now.

If Wright once more marred his international claims, But for the profligacy of the Hoddle enhanced his yes again. "If any big club had watched him on that stage, they couldn't have failed to have been impressed," Rob-son said. "Sliskovic showed strains of class but Hoddle was the dominant force.

"He has rich talent, high technique, he worked hard and he was brave at the end. He asked not to be taken off and we didn't have time for patch him up. He had a horrible jagged gash down his forehead and he will bear the

The trouble is that the scars of eight stitches for life". Howe decision delayed

ch, may have to wait until next year before he knows whether he is to be appointed as Bobby. Robson's full-time assistant (Stuart Jones writes). The Football Association's international committee met yesterday to discuss his role and agreed only to postpone a decision for at least another

The committee is playing a potentially dangerous game. Howe, who has been out of work since leaving the managerial post at Arsenal in

March, has already stated to The Times that he has reached the stage when he must, for the sake of his family, consider any other approaches that are

He has already rejected one substantial offer, believed to be from Aston Villa, and is eager to "put on a tracksuit again and return to the game in some capacity." He will not do so for England for another three months, by which time the committee will presumably have made their move.

Sterile display threatens impotent Irish

Northern Ireland seem destined for a period in the wilderness out of which even the inspired Billy Bingham, with his newly acquired desert knowledge in Saudi Arabia, may not be able to lead them. Their disappointing goalless draw against Turkey in Izmir on Wednesday in a European championship qualifier re-flected failings, new and old.

Impotency in attack is a problem the Irish have had to live with even through more prosperous times; but the loss during the past 12 months of O'Neill and more recently McIlroy, the creative forces in midfield, have left Northern

Ireland with a huge void to fill. Up front, the timely emerence of Clarke, following Hamilton's enforced retirement, cannot alone quench the thirst for goals, which add up to just eight in the last 14

Fleet of rescues raises doubts

By Barry Pickthall

With yet another call for assistance from among the fleet of single-handed sailors competing in the Route du Rhum Transatlantic race yesterday - this time from Louise baz who has contracted an infection in her left arm and asked for help to sail her small trimaran back to her bome port of La Trinité - many are questioning the wisdom of sending a fleet of solo yachtsmen out into the north Atlantic in November.

A winter gale has been blowing relentlessly ever since the race began from St Malo on Sunday, producing a string of early casualties that are certainly taxing French rescue authorities.

First to falter was the British-designed catamaran, Lada Poch, which was dis-masted within 20 minutes of the start, followed shortly by the capsize of Herve Cleris' multihull, FNAC.

During that first night, Nems Laang (furmerly Exmouth Challenge) and Apricot both suffered exten-Apricot both suffered extensive damage in collisions and, on Wednesday, Eric Tabarly and fellow Frenchman, Dominique Marsandon, both had to be rescued after their craft had begun to disintegrate in high seas off Cap Finistirre. Five others have managed to

limp into port to effect minor repairs and three more, including the present leader.

More failures than there should be

Loic Caradec, sailing the 85ft wing-masted catamaran Roy-ale, plan to call in at the Azores before continuing the chase through the Tradewinds belt across the Atlantic to the French island of Guadeloupe in the West Indies.

The winter gales have cer tainly played a major part in decimating the 33 strong fleet but the disintegration of two French multihulfs at sea places a serious question mark over the strength and integrity of these craft.

"There is no question that there have been more failures than there should be" Nigel Ireus, Britain's leading multihull designer, said yesconfuse these boats with standard production designs. They are designed and built close to the edge of what will survive to be competitive and the lessons we learn are then incorporated into standard designs" he said.

Commenting on the timing of this race, Irens said: "Undoubtedly, setting out into a winter gale is dangerous, but danger is one of the reasons why sponsors and the public take such a keen interest in this sport. Most people lack excitement in their lives but this race is raw adventure and, for the same reason that motor

Ireus' first loss in ten-year career

racing is so popular, people like to see others balancing on

a knife edge". The lass of Tony

Bullimore's Apricot, wrecked on rocks off Brest on Monday. is the first loss Irens has suffered during his ten-year career as a designer and builder of multiholls. Launched early last year, this high-tech yacht proved a significant breakthrough both in design and construction having benefitted greatly from the input from Martin Smith, chief stress analyst at Britis Aerospace, whose knowledge of composite structures helped to produce a boat that was lighter and stronger than rival

craft. other of Irens' designs now challenging Royale for the lead in the race, has also benefitted from Martin's experience, while many of the French boats have been built to low budgets without the beacfit of research and development. It is this that has led to ireas beliefs of a history of failures in this race, and

athers. Robin Knox-Johnston, the first to sail around the world alone, also came to the defence of single handed sailing yes-terday. "Sailing alone has always been a hard sport but those who choose to compete know, and accept, that the only lives at risk are their own." LEADBIG POSTICORS (with religing to Guadeloupe): 1, Royale (Luis Caradeol, 2570miles: 2 Resny Michton Vill (Prillipse Poupon), 2875; 3, Calculament Uniterie St Michel (Olivier Moussy), 2957; 4, Kor Cadelac (M Bouchler), 2965; 5, Ericason (Bruno Peron), 3014.

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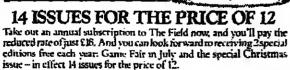
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RUGBY LEAGUE Bamford goes for broke

By Keith Macklin Warrington centre, Ronnie Duane, his Warrington club-

Five changes are made, and there are two additional positional changes, in the British squad to face Australia in the third and final international of the series at Wigan a week tomorrow. Thus, has the cosch, Maurice Bamford, bowed to the inevitable following his loyalty to a well beaten team in the first two internationals? It was obvious after the

thrashing at Elland Road last Saturday that heads would have to roll, and the sacrificial lambs in the search for a team that can give the Australians a game are: Ledger, Marchant, Fox, Potter and Fieldhouse. In

"Changes were inevitable after our first two internationals. I have now chosen men of

proven power and aggression." GREAT BRITABL J Lydon (Wigen), J Basnet (Widnest, G Schoffeld (Hull, R Dusen (Warrington), H GBI (Wigen), A Myler (Warrington), G Warrington), K Ward (Castleford), O Waldinson (Hull KR), Castleford), O Waldinson (Hull KR), A Goodway (Wigen), H Paner (Widnes), Substitutes: S Edwards (Wigen), I Poter (Wigen), Hearnets A Marchant (Castleford), J Fieldhouse (St. their places come the Widnes winger. John Basnett, the

RUGBY UNION

Fouroux and the soul of French game Jacques Fouroux, the

French coach, is under considerable strain and he is showing it 1Chris Thau writes). His controversial decision to curtail contact between French players and journalists has outraged the Press and is the latest development in increasingly bitter conflict between him and French media following the defeat in the first international in Toulouse.

He was savaged by the French Press. He was in a very defensive mood and blamed almost everybody - save him-self - for the defeat. He felt that he was unfairly singled out and made a scapegoat for all French mishaps. Fouroux has also antagonised the Press

The debate is now less about Jacques Fouroux personally, it is about the soul

Christie to box Sibson Tony Sibson, twice winner

of the British middleweight title, could be in line to take the championship belt out-right. Sibson, the Commonwealth champion, has been named to box Errol Christie in a final eliminator for the title held by Brian Anderson, of Sheffield. Sibson, from Leicester, has

returned to middleweight after losing to Dennis Andries, in a world light-heavyweight

Bristow's first Eric Bristow, winner of the world darts championship five times in the past seven years, has been drawn against the American, Tony Payne, in the first round of this year's championship from January



Whitbread top Fatima Whitbread, the European javelin champion

and world record holder, has been voted Sportswoman of the Year by the Sports Writers' Association. Lloyd Honeyghan's six round victory over Don Curryto win the undisputed world welterweight boxing crown in September, earned him the title of Sportsman of the Year.

New squad

Queen's Club on Wednesday, beating John Prenn and Thomas Brudeneli 4-15, 15-5, 15-2, 15-5, 9-15, 15-11. The competition was devised by the sponsors, Celestion Loudspeakers, to show top-class rackets to schools - where tha preliminary rounds were played. This was the first year

The British Cycling Federation has formed a young new national squad with a view to reaping a big crop of medals at the 1988 Olympic Games in

Seoul. The men's and women's selections, announced yesterday, have ma-jor targets next year in the Milk Race, the women's Tour de France and the world championships in Austria, but their long term sights are set on South Korea.

Doubles win Paul Nicholls and Norwood

Cripps won the invitation doubles tournament at that the format was doubles ! matches,